

Don't Be Nonchalant Concerning Your Salvation

I. Introduction: Nonchalant: "having an air of easy unconcern or indifference" (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nonchalant>).

- A. We who have been taught and have initially obeyed the Gospel, should understand that we will be rewarded for our WORKS (**Matthew 16:24-27**).
 - 1. While our good works are not the source of salvation, they are expected of us (**Ephesians 2:1-10**).
 - 2. We are supposed to be zealous of "good works" (**Titus 2:11-14**).
- B. We cannot be overly confident in our salvation (**I Corinthians 10:1-12**).
 - 1. We can know we're good with the Lord (**I John 5:13**).
 - 2. However, we cannot act like good today is good enough, for MANY and VARIOUS reasons (**Proverbs 27:1**, **Colossians 2:8**, **James 1:13-16**, **II Peter 3:16-18**, etc.).

II. Body: We Are **Not** Told To "Take It Easy" (**Hebrews 3:1-4:11**).

- A. At one point Israel erred because they were "at ease" (**Amos 6:1-8**).
 - 1. The principle of what happened to Israel applies to us (**Mark 13:31-37**).
 - 2. We cannot be spiritually lazy (**I Corinthians 15:58** and **Hebrews 6:10-12**).
 - 3. No one else can work for you (**Galatians 6:4-5** and **Philippians 2:12**).
 - 4. What is faith without works (**James 2:14-26**)?
- B. If you are spiritually asleep, WAKE UP and be ready (**I Thessalonians 5:1-11**).
 - 1. What's laziness do (**Proverbs 19:15**)?
 - 2. How should we treat time (**Romans 13:11-14** and **James 4:13-17**)?
 - 3. That begs me to ask you - what does your time management show about what you value most (**Luke 10:38-42**, **Romans 15:24**, and **Ephesians 5:15-17**)?
- C. Consider some serious facts about the righteous judgment of God (**II Thessalonians 1:3-11**)...
 - 1. What He expects of one person is often more or less than what He expects out of another (**Matthew 25:24-30**, **Luke 12:41-48**, **James 3:1**, and **Hebrews 13:17**).
 - 2. We find comfort in the promise of forgiveness (**I Timothy 1:12-16** and **I John 1:9**).
 - 3. Maybe some find TOO MUCH confidence in forgiveness forgetting the principle of "perhaps" (**Acts 8:12-24**), fruit worthy of repentance (**Matthew 3:8**), and who we are until we actually get to Heaven (**Luke 17:7-10**).

III. Conclusion: Keep things in the proper perspective (**I Peter 4:17-19**).