

Balanced Comfort

I. Introduction:

- A. The word of God speaks of “good comfort” (**II Corinthians 13:11**).
 - 1. We can hold on to a promise of a future comfort (**Matthew 5:4**).
 - 2. We are comforted through the word of God and our brethren in the here and now (**Psalms 119:52** and **Colossians 4:11**).
- B. The word of God also shows us that some people become too comfortable (**Amos 6:1-8**).
 - 1. Some buy into a false comfort (**Jeremiah 8:11** and **Zechariah 10:2**).
 - 2. Some have falsely convinced themselves that they are in a place of comfort when they are not (**Revelation 3:14-22**).

II. Body: Don't Get So Comfortable That You Fall Asleep Spiritually (**I Thessalonians 4:13-5:14**).

- A. We don't want to become complacent (**Proverbs 1:32**; cf. **Luke 12:13-21**).
 - 1. The reward is not for those who get lazy (**Hebrews 6:10-12** and **Revelation 22:12**).
 - 2. Sometimes the comforted need to be troubled (**Isaiah 32:9-11**).
- B. We want to be prepared and alert (**Mark 13:31-37**).
 - 1. We need to be sober-minded (**I Peter 1:13** and **I Peter 5:8-9**).
 - 2. We don't want to get so comfortable that we get tired and faint (**Galatians 6:3-10**).
 - 3. As was taught here on 12/27/2020, what if the Lord were to come today? Are you watching, prepared, and ready to go (**Luke 12:35-40**)?
- C. Being alert and ready has to be balanced so that we are not overcome with fear and undue worry (**John 14:1-3**, **John 14:27**, and **Hebrews 10:23**).
 - 1. If you're not faithfully prepared there is plenty to be worried about (**Mark 9:43-48** and **John 5:28-29**).
 - 2. If you are faithfully prepared, you can be comfortable (**I John 5:11-13**); as long as you don't fall asleep at the helm (**Romans 13:11-14**).

III. Conclusion: With balance, be joyful that our God is the God of all comfort (**II Corinthians 1:3**) with a long history of comforting His people (**Isaiah 49:13**).