

1. Am I doing enough to please God? How much is enough to please God?
2. Let's face it. We desperately want security. We want to know, without a doubt, that we are going to heaven.
3. Unfortunately, we often don't want security the way God offers it. Rather, we want ...
  - A. Islamic security, i.e. a simple checklist religion.
  - B. Catholic security. We have to do even less the Islam requires, but we will have to put up with purgatory. Even still, what's a little time compared to eternity?
  - C. Calvinistic security. Perseverance of the saints. "Once saved, always saved." In fact, it doesn't deliver on its promise.
4. How much do I have to ...
  - A. Love God to please Him? Mark 12:28-30; Revelation 3:15-16, 19.
  - B. Do for God to please Him? Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31.
  - C. Give to God to please Him? Mark 10:17-22, 28-30.
5. The way God offers security is through complete self-denial. Mark 8:34-35. It's not a hard concept. If we are giving ourselves entirely to God, God tells us we are secure and should feel secure.
6. So what's the problem? Why aren't we secure? We either don't want security the way God offers it, or we don't know how to accept security the way God offers it.
  - A. We don't want to sacrifice ourselves entirely. In the breakfast analogy, we want to be the chicken, not the pig; involved, but not totally committed. We know whether or not we are all in. The problem with our security is not in the way God offers it, but in our unwillingness to do what it takes to be secure.
  - B. We focus on destinations in the road of life instead of getting on with the journey itself. Philippians 3:12-15. The ladder analogy.
  - C. We think we can return the favor. Job 41:11A; Romans 11:35-36; Acts 17:24-25. With God, it's not, "I'll do this for you, if you'll do this for Me." Rather it's, "I'll do this for you, if you'll do this for you."
  - D. We are afraid we might be deceived. Matthew 7:21-23. Yes, we can be deceived. But, we don't have to be deceived. Here's the prescription that banishes such fear. Psalm 119:165; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 1:5-11; Matthew 7:7-11. If this doesn't cure the problem of fear, the problem doesn't lie in the prescription, but in the fact that we aren't actually following it.
  - E. We don't do our best and leave the rest to God.
7. This lesson may not answer all the issues associated with the questions, "Am I doing enough?" and "How much is enough," but I certainly hope it helps those of us who struggle with these questions from time to time.
8. God wants us to have security. He's provided the way. No, the path is not easy, but it's definitely traversable. Get on the road and stay there. It's absolutely worth the journey.

