Eternal Security: What do we have to Lose? Charles Stanley

I. Introduction.

- A. There are eternal consequences for the person who has lived a life of sin although he is saved.
- B. Text: I Corinthians 3.

II. Each person will give an account of his work. (Romans 14:10, II Corinthians 5:10)

- A. It makes a great deal of difference how we live even though we are eternally secure.
- B. Once we have been saved, our life is a life of works.
- C. Each man's works will be made evident.
- D. We will be judged by our conduct and our service.
- E. God has chosen to reward our labors.
 - 1. We will be rewarded with different positions in heaven. (Matthew 19)
 - 2. We will be rewarded with different privileges.
 - 3. The possibility of reward is for every believer.
- F. The greater responsibility one has the greater his judgment will be.

III. It is possible for a person to be an eternal loser even though he is saved. (Colossians 3:25)

A. When we refuse to serve God, our conduct piles up in heaven.

B. We dishonor God when we only want to get into heaven. We ought to question whether we have even been saved if we have this attitude.

IV. One without works will be saved but only through fire. (Revelation 1, 21:4)

A. Every day a pile of ashes and rewards build up.

B. When we disobey God, we lose.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to live a life of works even though heaven is secure?

2. What kind of rewards is there for a believer?

3. What is something measurable and practical that you can do to make sure you are walking in obedience to God every day?