# **Don't Take Things For Granted**

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Dakota Johnson:

Automated Voice: And now for 4076, Don't Take Things For Granted.

Merry Christmas everybody! Thank God for everything that he's done in your life. Thank you for letting him waking you up this morning. Thank you for letting him putting you on at your path every single day that you wake up. It's such a blessing, you know what I'm saying? Many people take that for granted, but make sure that you don't, because you never know, one day, you just

never know.

Thank everybody for having someone. I know that we're not rich, but we have someone. We need to start declaring that we're not broke, that we're not poor. We need to say that I am rich in the Spirit of God. Every thing that you do, it might not be special to you, but understand that the job that you have, at least you still got a job. Because you could be on the street asking everybody for that sign saying, "Feed me, give me five dollars." Sometimes we don't have five dollars, but at least you still do, you still push every single day.

Many people always say that, "I'm sick." You got to stop saying that. You're not sick. You're healthy. You just got to keep doing what you're doing. You got to keep doing.

Sometimes we get lazy with Jesus. We got to start reading the Word, even though it might be just like a word of the day, you're still reading it. Don't ever take the Bible for granted, you know what I'm saying? Every single thing that we do, we have to keep pushing every single day. Sometimes we don't talk to our family members sometimes, because we could have a grudge. We need to stop doing that. Life is too short to do all of that.

We always be mad because they didn't talk to so and so, because you don't like so and so. You got to stop doing that. Many people

always like to talk behind people's backs. We need to stop doing that. We got to just be more mature going into 2019 but the thing is, I don't like saying 2019. We got to do this every single year. Because many people always say, "I'm going to do this in 2019. I'm going to start acting this in 2019." Just do it now, just do it now. You just got to keep doing what you're doing.

Many people are always talking about, "I'm going to do this in 2019." When I go to the gym, many people always say, "I'm going to just break out for the gym." They always do it for January, but after February, they're not doing it no more. We always come together as a family during the holidays. We got to start coming the whole year. You know what I mean? If you always say that, "I'm glad at seeing so-and so. I always see him only on Thanksgiving, only seeing him on Christmas." We got to see him all through the day.

And many people sometimes, we might reel a little lonely sometimes, but we got to think about, what's the reason why I might be lonely. Maybe it's just not my time. Maybe God just wanted us to, maybe just one day He's just working on me. Because sometimes we got to work on ourselves before we meet somebody else. That's how it has to be sometimes, because you might not be ready for that person. And then sometimes, they always be like, "I want them," but Jesus knows better, because you never know, because that's not the (00:03:37) you're forced to be with. Don't ever force anything because it just won't work. It's just like a puzzle piece, where you're trying to put the puzzle together. Sometimes you might have the wrong picture. You might have like (00:03:50) puzzle. And then you're trying to get a Strawberry Shortcake puzzle, you're trying to put it all together. You can't do that. You always got to take your time with everything you do. You just can't rush anything.

I take this back when I edit the videos for my YouTube and God has blessed me. I didn't tape anything for YouTube, like I told my mom, I was like, I couldn't stop. Recently, I just hit 1000 subscribers and that's a big milestone for me. And I told my mom, because I was like, "it's funny, because last year I told you, I was being like ten views. I'm not even going to lie. I watched like five times. The viewers were my own, so, you know? Because the thing is, you got to support yourself. And now we're just happy, now we put ads on the video and whatnot. So my dad, he didn't

even know what's going on, he just skipped the ads. I'm like, "Don't be skipping my ads!" Because I work so hard.

Everything, I realize, is just patience, you know what I'm saying, just patience. Because many people always say, "Just don't give up." And I just don't want to -- don't ever give up on anything. If you want to work towards your goal, you want to be a body builder.

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If you want to become a pastor or you want to own your own store, you can't give up on that. Your dreams can come true. You know what I'm saying? But the thing is, you always got to know that you got to start it first. Everyone put God on everything, but it always like to me, always 50-50 to anything that you do, in every 100 to a zero, you got to do what you got to do because God's going to help you, but you just can't see it now in the whole entire time. And just look up to Jesus like, "Oh, please, please just help me." Like you got to do what you got to do.

See, that means if you want to go to school to do what you got to do, you got to go to school, and when you go to school, you also got to be dedicated when you go to school. You got to keep pushing for your grades. You got to study. You know, the thing is many people when they go to school, they forget their ways. Like at high school, because most times, we always come back home but when you're on the college campus sometimes, they got certain parties and stuff and they forget the grades and they forget how to study and all this stuff and then we're wondering why they failed, like they're surprised like why they failed.

Be surprised about anything. There are certain things that we do, we get surprised and we just be looking like, "I didn't know that was going to happen." You know exactly what was going to happen because you weren't doing these certain steps. But I just thank God for everything, just for all the food, for letting me just be healthy because I was sick for like a week and I just couldn't move out of bed and I didn't want to eat nothing. I think I lost some weight but once I got my health back, I can't take that for granted. I'm still learning things, because God, he'll still be with me in every single day, but definitely you can't take your life for granted because you just don't know.

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