

Traditional Gospel Songs with Chords

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The strumming pattern is a standard country pattern. For G, you would pluck string 6 (low E string), then strum the bottom four strings (D, G, B, and high E strings) in an up-down-up pattern, then pluck string 5 (A string) then strum the bottom four strings up-down-up, then the pattern repeats. The pattern is similar for C and D, except that you have to change your use of the base strings. I use strings 5 and 4 for C and just 4 for D and D7. I'm sure you can find ways to liven it up a little more, but this is enough to make it work.

Please note that when I used the string names above, I named the strings using the open string names, not the actual note names that result when the chords are actually fingered.

The chords should look something like this:

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      G              C
      ^  v  ^      ^  v  ^      ^  v  ^      ^  v  ^
E-----3--3--3-----3--3--3--++-----0--0--0-----0--0--0---+
B-----0--0--0-----0--0--0--++-----1--1--1-----1--1--1---+
G-----0--0--0-----0--0--0--++-----0--0--0-----0--0--0---+
D-----0--0--0-----0--0--0--++-----2--2--2-----2--2--2---+
A-----2-----+--3-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
E--3-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
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Don't Overlook Salvation

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G              C              G
Heaven is a city, built by jewels rare
G              D              D7
Its beauty is a splendour yet untold
      G              C              G
If you neglect salvation you'll never enter in
      G              D              G      C      G
You'll never ever walk those streets of gold

      G              C              G
So don't overlook salvation, while living here in sin
G              D              D7
Someday it may be too late to pray
G              C              G
Someday when you need Him, He may not let you in
G              D              G      C      G
How awful if He should turn you away
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Sometimes we get discouraged, while we walk this weary way
But Jesus said he'd every burden bear
So take Him all your troubles, when it seems all hope is gone
Just trust Him when you go to Him in prayer

Jesus said be ready for you know not when the hour

He may come at morning night or noon
So keep your eyes upon Him and your soul filled with His power
For you know He's surely coming soon

So don't overlook salvation, while living here in sin
Someday it may be too late to pray
Someday when you need Him, He may not let you in
How awful if He should turn you away