

# HOPE WORKS - NOT I HOPE IT WORKS

## INTRO

First Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. These are the three great eternal and abiding qualities in life that we need active within us to live victoriously.

### I. What Is Hope?

- A. Definitions of hope.
  - 1. A favorable anticipation and confident expectation.
  - 2. To anticipate and expect usually with pleasure.
  - 3. To desire with expectation of good and fulfillment.
  - 4. To look forward to.
- B. Proverbs 13:12 Hope is a strong desire.
  - 1. Notice "hope deferred" and "desire cometh" - you could substitute hope and desire.
  - 2. Desire is the starting point for all achievement and accomplishment.
  - 3. Desire is behind all forms of excellence.
  - 4. When desire is there, you are excited, ignited, motivated and have drive and energy.
  - 5. Hope put off, set aside or neglected makes you feel weak and discouraged inside.
  - 6. Proverbs 13:19 desire accomplished is sweet to the soul. Hope acted upon adds sweetness to life.
- C. Romans 4:16-18; Genesis 15:5,6 Hope is like a vision, picture or dream.
  - 1. ... "Who against hope believed in hope..."
  - 2. The hope he believed in was the picture God gave him (look at the stars and sand and count them).
  - 3. Hope creates a picture, vision or like a dream you can see.
  - 4. Dreams / visions are inner images or pictures.
  - 5. Words are inner image transferring devices; spoken words create pictures inside us.
  - 6. No hope from the natural means the picture looks bad. You can combat it with the inner picture hope gives.
  - 7. Romans 5:4 experience produces hope or inner pictures which can be good or bad.
  - 8. There is no such thing as no hope only natural hope, evil hope (despair) and Bible hope.
  - 9. We always have a picture (hope) inside.
  - 10. After Isaac was born Abraham was willing to offer him as a sacrifice believing God would raise him from dead all on the basis of a picture God gave him. Hebrews 11:19 ... received him in a figure ... (picture, image or resemblance).
- D. Romans 8:25 Hope is an unseen and future picture.
  - 1. It gives the ability to see something not physically visible.
  - 2. It gives the ability to see beyond what is and see what shall be.
  - 3. It paints a picture or image in us internally.
  - 4. The pictures and images we need painted inside of us are all in the Bible.
- E. Second Kings 4:1-6 Hope is like a vessel, mould or container God needs to pour a miracle into.
  - 1. Miracles happen in an atmosphere of expectancy.
  - 2. You can be in the place of miracles but not receive if you have no vessel (hope) to contain it.
  - 3. If we lose our hope, we have lost our vessel and miss the miracle.
  - 4. "Confident expectations have a way of attracting corresponding circumstances and events."

- F. Hebrews 6:19,20 Hope is like an anchor that keeps you in place, stable and unmoved in a storm.
  - 1. Hope is an anchor of the soul. It functions to protect the soul realm.
  - 2. Acts 27:22-25 Paul was anchored in the hope that came from what God said.
  - 3. All natural hope can be taken away yet your soul remains secure because it is anchored in Bible hope.
- G. Hebrews 11:1 Hope is like a thermostat that sets the goal for the power of faith to achieve.
  - 1. Hope is like a goal-setter but hope alone is not enough.
  - 2. Faith needs hope and hope needs faith.
  - 3. A furnace needs fuel or a power source (like gas or electricity) (that is faith) but it needs a thermostat too to set the desired temperature or goal.
  - 4. Hope is also like a hook a mountain climber throws ahead of him and faith is the rope.
  - 5. Hope is also like a 'mould' that the substance or raw material of faith is poured into to form an object.

## II. Hope Insights from Romans and Hebrews.

- A. Romans 4:18 Bible hope is beyond the natural and can combat natural hope.
- B. Romans 4:20, 21 Bible hope come from God's promise.
- C. Romans 5:4, 5 Experience produces hope and hope maketh not ashamed.
  - 1. Hope will not leave us without the manifestation.
  - 2. Experiences, good or bad, produce hope or an inner picture.
- D. Romans 15:13 God is a God of hope and can make it abound in our heart.
- D. Hebrews 6:19, 20 Hope must be laid hold of.
- E. Hebrews 6:19, 20 Hope is set before us.
- F. Hebrews 6:19, 20 Hope is an anchor of the soul.
- G. Hebrews 6:19, 20 Hope enters into that within the veil.
- H. Hebrews 10:23 Hope must be held fast to with our words.
- I. Hebrews 11:1 Hope is what faith gives substance to.
- J. Hebrews 11:17-19 Hope can create a picture of something that has never happened before.
- K. Hebrews 11:27 Hope causes you to see the invisible and endure.