

“REAL HOPE”
Various Scriptures

~ Power of Words

~ Prov 18:4

~ Hopelessness in Our World – Looking in all the wrong places for hope.

1. REAL HOPE is _____ hope.

Hope can be defined as:

- The desire for something good in the future.
- The good things in the future we are desiring.
- The reason why our hope might indeed come to pass.
- BIBLICAL HOPE – confident expectation & desire for something good in the future.

2. REAL HOPE is found only in _____.

~ Ps 33:17 – Hope in anything/anyone other than God is futile. Hope in anything/anyone other than God is UNCERTAIN.

~ God calls us to hope in HIM – Ps 62:5; 146:5; 1 Tim 6:17

God is the perfect focal point of our hope because he is _____. (Titus 2:9; 2 Tim 2:13; Lam 3:22-23; Heb 13:8)

PROVERBS 11:7

If you are without Christ, you are without God & without hope!

See Eph 2:12; 1 Pt 1:3-5

3. REAL HOPE _____ us completely.

- It changes the way we _____ ourselves.
- It changes what we _____. (1 Tim 6:7; Col 3:1-3)
- It affects what we do with our _____ – talents, time, treasures. (1 Pt 4:10; 1 Cor 10:31)

William Borden – “No Reserves. No Retreats. No Regrets.”

4. REAL HOPE is...

- ...Active.
- ...To Be Cultivated. (Rom 15:4)
- ...The Key to Overcoming Disappointment & Despair. (See Genesis 40)
 - *If your hope is in God, you will not be focused on self-pity, but on _____ Him by serving others.*
 - *If your hope is in God, you will have a _____, not cynical, attitude.*
 - *If your hope is in God, you will be quick to _____ Him in dealing with problems*