

Real Life with Real Hope

1. Hope is different than Optimism.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:19a

2. Hope is not Passive.

Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come... This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

1 Timothy 4:8, 10 NLT

3. The Focus of your hope is all important.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

4. Maintaining hope can be a Struggle.

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God.

Psalms 42:5 GNT

5. Hope is meant to be Contagious.

But have reverence for Christ in your hearts, and honor him as Lord. Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you.

1 Peter 3:15 GNT