



Unpacking Hope

When Hope Hurts ... "Play Your Part"

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Intro: "When You Pray, Move Your Feet." - An African Proverb

Divine **Promises** are attached to Human **Participation**.

There is a certain synergy between **Divine Potency** and **Human Agency** - Meaning divinity has the Power but humanity has to participate.

When we pray like it's up to God and work like it's up to us, there is always hope.

There is an aspect of **Hope** that can make us lazy and apathetic.

Quote of Discussion: "Hope in reality is the worst of all evils because it prolongs the torments of man." - Friedrich Neitzche

Part I

God's Part vs. Our Part

I. Proverbs 3:5-6

If we **trust**, God will **direct** our path.

II. Psalm 37:1-2

If we **fret** not nor be **envious**, God will **cut** them down.

III. Psalm 37:4

If we **delight** in the Lord, the God will **give** us the desires of our hearts.

IV. Malachi 3:10-11

If we **bring** our tithes, God will **open** the windows of heaven, **pour** out blessings, **rebuke** the devourer.

V. Matthew 6:33

If we **seek** first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, then God will **add** all these things.

VI. Isaiah 26:3

If we **keep** our minds on God, God will **keep** us in perfect peace.

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Part II

Healthy Hope means: Divine Power works with our Human Participation.

Sometimes hoping includes helping.

- I. Can we be obedient when we cannot see? **John 9:1-7**
- II. Can we be obedient when it's heavy and it stinks? **John 11:38-44 (v. 39, v.44)**
- III. Can we be obedient when we are tired and have had no success? **Luke 5:2-7**
- IV. Can we be obedient when the instructions make no sense? **Luke 17:12-14**

Part III

You'll Never Regret Playing Your Part

- I. God will make your labor worth it **I Corinthians**
15:58
- II. God is able to keep you from falling. **Jude 1:20-24**