

*"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." - 1 Cor 15:58*

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## **"Hopeful Thinking"**

King David writes in *Psalm 20:4*, "**May He grant you your heart's desire & fulfill all your plans!**" If we trust God & have faith in Him for the future, then our optimistic beliefs will give us direction & motivation. This is one of the reasons why we should never lose hope, yet this is not the only reason. As Christians, the primary reason we should never lose hope is because of God's unfailing promises. Spurgeon is recorded as saying, "*Our hope in Christ for the future is the mainstream of our joy*" & I have to agree.

Make no mistake about it: Thoughts are powerful things! Our thoughts have the power to lift us up or hold us down. When we acquire the habit of hopeful thinking, we would have acquired a powerful tool for improving our lives. What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life.

If we fall into the habit of negative thinking, then it would be in our best interest to think again. After all, *John 16:33* is still in the Bible, "***I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.***"

George Mueller writes, "*There is never a time we may not hope in God. Whatever our necessities, however great our difficulties, & though to all appearance help is impossible, yet our business is to hope in God, & it will be found that it is not in vain.*"

Heavenly Father,  
Make us all hope-filled Christians.

When we become discouraged,  
let us turn to You.

When we get weary, let us seek  
strength in You.

In every aspect of our lives, we  
will trust You;  
now & forevermore.

In Christ we pray, Amen!

Remember my brothers & sisters...When God makes a promise, He keeps it!

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