

HOPE VALUE GRID

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The Christian understanding of hope illustrates how trivial our everyday use of the word can be. We hope that it will not rain for the picnic, or that the car will start or that the plumber will come tomorrow. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration. Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times. For some people, hope is so strong that it inspires self-sacrifice to turn hope into reality.

True hope is much more than a general idea that things will get better. It is more than a belief in progress, which sees the world and people as getting better all the time, growing away from violence, ignorance and confusion. Christian hope is grounded in the character of God.

Christian hope means trusting in the loving purposes of God: trusting that the foundations of the world are good because they spring from God. Hope is not always spontaneous or easy. There is work to be done. As well as trusting God, we have to develop qualities of steadfastness in our own character.



One of the three great gifts of the Holy Spirit - hope, faith and love. Hope is knowing that God can be relied on.

Hang onto God's promise

Overcome adversity

Pursue truth and believe

Endure troubles patiently

Key life question

How should I live my life?

Definition for children

Hope is our deep faith in God's promise that love and goodness have, and will, overcome sadness and badness in the world

Value slogan

Grow to learn, learn to grow

Value symbol

A lighthouse

Key bible verse

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you." **Isaiah 43:2**

Key bible story

The Prodigal Son

Prayer

Dear God, when I stand at the beginning of a new day, bless me with hope to see the best of things to come, wisdom to make good decisions and, most of all, faith that you are walking with me every step of the way. Thank you that you always look after me, and care for us whatever the situation I am in. Even when I have done something wrong you still love me. You give me hope because you love me with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always & Forever Love.
Amen

Other prayers

The Beatitudes (The Happy Attitudes)
Irish Blessing
St Patrick's Breastplate
Don't Give Up poem
Don't Quit poem

Inspirational people who personify this value

Religious

Simeon & Anna
Mary & Elizabeth
The story of Joseph & His Brothers {Genesis 37}
Daniel in the Den of Lions {Daniel 6}
David & Goliath {1 Samuel 17}
The Road to Damascus conversion {Saul to Paul} {Acts }

Secular

Lighthouse Stevensons (Cornish)
Florence Nightingale (R&F)
Anne Frank (Where there is life, there is hope)
Muhammed Ali
Einstein
JK Rowling Ernest Shackleton
Andy Murray
Nick Vujicik (paraplegic) – Life Without Limbs ministry

Hymns, songs & music

Here I Am Lord
My Lighthouse hymn
Lifted (Lighthouse Family)
Stand By Me (Ben E King)
The Climb {Miley Cyrus}
Amazing Grace
The Greatest Showman