

# Hope Filled Leadership

1Pet.1: 3-8;Rom.15:13;1Cor.13:13; Heb.10:23; Rom. 5:3-5; Ps. 42:15,62:5; Luke 2:25-32; Jn.11:4,21;  
Rom.4:18;Prov. 13:12; Luke 24:21;1 Jn. 3:3;Rom. 8:28,32; Zech. 9:12; Ezek.37:3;  
Is. 61; Jer. 29:11; Col.1:27; 1Pet. 3:15;2 Pet.1:3-4; Gen. 1:1-10

## I. Introduction

- 1) Call to leadership requires HOPE to influence people
- 2) Reality and conditions of life make HOPE very essential
- 3) Importance and role of the leader to activate HOPE

## II. Defining Biblical HOPE

- 1) Types and meanings of HOPE
- 2) What is Biblical HOPE? (Living HOPE)
  - a) Eternal, unchanging, rooted in God, His word and His power
  - b) Firm foundation and anchor
  - c) Trust and expectation that goes beyond reality
  - d) True confidence, satisfaction, peace and joy
  - e) Seeing the possibilities of a bright future
  - f) Old English for the word HOPE is HOPIAN meaning 'to leap forward with (joyful) Expectation
  - g) Celebrating that what God promised He will fulfill

## III. Foundations of HOPE

- 1) Goodness of God
- 2) Riches of the Cross (Rom.8:32)
- 3) Power of the Resurrection (2Pet.1:3-4; Eph.3:20)
- 4) Calling and Plan of God

#### **IV. Developing and Maintaining HOPE through Adversity and Challenges**

- 1) HOPE is founded on the promises we obtained in our journey with God (Rom.5:3-5)
- 2) HOPE becomes the voice by which God inspires us with revelation and vision
- 3) HOPE working in us brings us to freedom, joy, stability, safety and continuity
- 4) Examples of HOPE developed in adversity: Abraham (Rom. 4:18) Martha and Mary (Jn.11) Road to Emmaus(Luke 24) Jacob (Gen. 28)

#### **V. Purpose and Importance of HOPE (Power and Dynamics)**

- 1) Gives clarity, focus, energizing the vision
- 2) Motivates us to move forward with positive expectation for the future
- 3) Empowers our confidence, commitment and comfort
- 4) Releases joy, renewal and readiness
- 5) Imparts flexibility and creativity to discover new possibilities
- 6) Helps us persevere and cope with difficulties and uncertainties
- 7) Gives us assurance, freedom, affirmation and stability
- 8) Enhances communication, unity and cooperation (bringing people together)
- 9) Produces courage to create an environment for progress and success
- 10) Inspires alignment and engagement
- 11) Brings transformation and increase in holiness and watchfulness

#### **VI. Igniting and Imparting HOPE to Others**

- 1) Recognizing our true identity prepares us to give HOPE to others (Col.1:27; 1Pet. 3:15)
- 2) Being available, transparent, and tender
- 3) Recognizing reality but declaring the promises of God
- 4) Communicating in a way that gives assurance and security
- 5) Directing people to the source of HOPE while focusing on vision
- 6) Helping others to distinguish between true and false HOPE
- 7) Inspiring and encouraging others to exercise their faith by declaring the promises of God
- 8) Communicating to people their value and God's call and plan for their lives (Ezekiel 37)