

Romans 12:12

Intro.

I. **Hope** (Romans 5:1-2; 8:24; 2 Timothy 3:13; Titus 2:13-14)

A. **Stop**

Indulging in false hope (Proverbs 13:12a)

B. **Recognize**

Short term uncertainty (James 4:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-9)

C. **Rejoice**

Long term security (Titus 2:13; 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Heaven (Romans 8:23-24; 2 Corinthians 5:2; Matthew 6:19-21)

II. **Persevere**

In tribulation (2 Corinthians 1:7-9; Romans 8:18)

Job (Job 42:5, 2:9; Romans 12:21; Romans 5:3-5)

III. **Pray**

Constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:18)

Privilege (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Jesus' teaching (Luke 18:1, 21:36)

Question from Colin Smith: (*Unlocking the Bible*)

If my hope is in this world, how would that affect my life?

1. I would play more (selfishness)

2. I would be less generous (greed)

3. I would grieve more (hopelessness)

4. I would seek my own justice (revenge)

Jesus is our only way to a hopeful future (John 3:16-17)

Go to Jesus (1 Peter 5:5b)

Rejoice in Hope

Persevere in Tribulation

Pray Constantly

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God” - William Carey

Your action point(s): _____