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Notes:

HOPE: The Secret to Defeating Temptations, Overcoming Trials, and Accomplishing Goals

Romans 15:13, "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

I. Hope's Role in Defeating Temptation:

1 Cor. 10:13 (NLT) *The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.*

Philippians 4:13 (NLT) *For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

Isaiah 32:8 (NIV) *But the noble man make noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands.*

II. Hope's Role in Overcoming Trials:

Trials develop character. **Romans 5:3-6 (NLT)**

Trials help us become like Christ. **Romans 8:29 (NLT)**

How trials accomplish this. **1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)**

Hope is always present in trials. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

III. Hope's role in achieving your goals, dreams and God's call on your life (Hebrews 12:2 NLT):

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV), *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Corrie ten Boom

Psalm 42:5 (NLT) *Why am I discouraged?*

Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God!

Questions:

1. Have you ever given into a temptation because you didn't feel you were strong enough to defeat it? (you lost hope)
2. What trials have you faced where hope got you through?
3. What do you think you need to do to increase your hope quotient?
4. What is your biggest barrier to hope?
5. What is something you need hope for to make a difference for the Lord?