

12/30/12

“Strategic Reserves” (6)

*“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”
(Proverbs 21:20)*

Stockpiling Strategies:

(1) Die-Hard Discipline – (10/28/12); (2) Fervent Faith – (11/4/12)

(3) Abiding in Christ – (11/11/12); (4) Investing in People – (12/16/12)

(5) Maintain Active Hope

Psalm 43:5 – “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God”

Job 19:23-27 – (23) “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! (24) Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! (25) For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. (26) And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, (27) whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

John 17:4-5 – (4) “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. (5) And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”

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| Key Point: Actively Aim Hope Heavenward |
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Hope Scope Adjustments: _____

Refocus _____

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal (*skopos*) for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.” (Philippians 3:12-15)

Reset

“Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things.” (Jeremiah 14:22)

Remain Ready

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks...You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Luke 12:35-36, 40)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

What can I do to keep my hope vibrant? (Col. 3:1-2; Phil. 4:8; Ps. 34:2-5, 8)

Why does hope weaken? (Judges 2:12-13; 1 John 5:21)