

HOW TO STRENGTHEN HOPE

Study God's word diligently. The Christian is bred by the word and he must be fed by it or his grace will shrivel up and die. The growing baby feeds often at the breast. As God has provided food in his word to nourish every grace, so the scriptures provide nutrients for the same strong and solid hope. Romans 15:4 says 'That we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.'

The devil knows this so well that he works hard to deprive the Christian of the help stored in the word. The devil deprives some people of the scriptural relief by sheer laziness. They will not get up and search the word for the satisfaction of their need. Who pities the starving man who has bred before him but refuses to move his hand to take it?