

# The Value of Hope

Hope. Where would we be without it? The world would be a dark, wearisome place devoid of it. Why? What is special about hope? Father James Keller (1900-1977), founder of The Christophers, offered the best insights about hope:

*Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.*

*Hope opens doors where despair closes them.*

*Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot.*

*Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.*

*Hope “lights a candle” instead of “cursing the darkness.”*

*Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.*

*Hope cherishes no illusions, nor does it yield to cynicism.*

*Hope sets big goals and is not frustrated by repeated difficulties or setbacks.*

*Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.*

*Hope puts up with modest gains, realizing that “the longest journey starts with one step.”*

*Hope accepts misunderstanding as the price for serving the greater good of others.*

*Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.*

Indeed, hope is a valuable resource within you. Invoke it often.

– Beecher Hunter

