



“A HEART OF HOPE”
By Mary Mayko 2003

To trust in God’s promises should be our daily confession,
And a heart of hope will lift you from the pit of depression.

Hope brings us joy and strength as we look unto Jesus,
For He is our Redeemer, who always seeks to cheer us!

Many are wounded in their soul, discouraged from within.
They wonder if anyone really cares if they drift back into sin!

They surely need a word of hope to make a brand new start,
And to know God loves them and will heal their broken heart!

Without a vision for the future and a promise of hope,
Their daily struggles are so many they don’t know how to cope!

The Father sent His Son to bring peace of heart and mind.
When we truly seek Him a new joy we quickly find!

A cheerful heart reflects God’s faithfulness for all to see,
No matter what our troubles, trials or victories may be!

We mull over our weaknesses, but He is always strong!
With His Word to guide us, He will keep us from all wrong!

Although our walk on Earth is filled with times of strife,
The LORD promised His help as we go on through this life.

So we must never give up but look up to our King!
We can trust His wisdom and love each day for everything!

Hope is like a diamond, sparkling colors of rainbow bright.
He takes us out of darkness and fills us with His shining Light!

With Christ our Savior, His Spirit helps us make the right choice.
He encourages us with a heart of hope, so we can really rejoice!

Psalm 27:14 KJV “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage,
and he shall strengthen your heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”

Psalm 31:24 KJV “Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen
your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.”



“TREASURES IN OUR HEART”

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**We have many thoughts and plans- we treasure in our heart.
We are thankful for our God who has given to us- a fresh start!
We desire to live a godly life- and want to please Him so much,
But we can not seem to do it- without His gentle touch!**

**We have hidden Bible verses in our heart- to help along the way,
And treasured them greatly, as they help us know what to say!
We also harbor secret hurts and questions- that only He knows!
So ask Him to heal those pains- before any bitterness grows!**

**So many distractions crowd our thoughts and cloud our mind!
We need His help to toss them out- so we can really treat others kind.
We often struggle with our inner battles of spiritual warfare,
But we will have the victory- for our LORD is always there!**

**Our thoughts are important as they impact our very life!
We can be filled with joy- or tormented with doubt and strife.
The Word of God is filled with love and hope and peace,
And when we dwell on these- we will see our struggles cease!**

**Treasures in the heart- are the words that God has spoken,
In using them wisely- the power of Satan is broken!
We stand upon the Promises- the LORD has made to us,
And filled our minds with His love- and joy- and sweet peace!**



2 Cor. 10:4-6 NIV “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.”



DIAMOND POINTS

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When you see a diamond shining bright and clear,
You know it was brought with love and brings much cheer!
You are reminded of a dear mentor, which the Lord anoints,
As you look at the splendor of the diamond points!

Just as a lovely gem has brought many joys,
So do the lives of those that God employs!
The cut of character and clearness of the stone you see,
Reminds of the transparent life we live and how we ought to be!

For when there is honesty and purity within,
It's a life dedicated to God and cleansed from sin.
You see that no hidden secrets mar the soul,
And fine advice you can expect, as pure and good as gold.

They weigh their words carefully to be compassionate and fair,
With integrity and truth, they lay their hearts bare.
No empty words, condemnation or unkindness is spoken,
Their word is their bond, their oath is unbroken!

The cut of their life is far above reproach,
Enables them to mentor others, and be a fine coach.
"I'll show the way, my diamond points are not dim!"
They can truly say, "Follow me and I'll lead you to Him!"

The points on a diamond can sometimes prick our heart,
As we see the clear costliness of their lives, makes your eyes smart!
The life of a mentor is needed by so many,
But too few are willing to help very many!

**Will you listen with your heart to God's gentle Call?
Are you able to mentor anyone at all?**

John 10:3 NIV "The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

1 Peter 2:21 NIV "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving
you an example, that you should following in his steps."