

My Hope for this Recession

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This recession has been difficult for me and many of my friends.

Almost everyone with any assets has lost money as asset values have fallen, and in many cases fallen precipitously. I don't like losing money. It creates anxiety and fear in me. I do not like to experience these emotions. This experience has caused me to reflect on where I am placing my hope. Am I placing my hope for a secure future in my retirement assets, college funds, or home value? The sad reality is that I am. To the degree I am experiencing anxiety and fear, I am not living out the truth of 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (adapted):

Do not be arrogant or put your hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Do good,

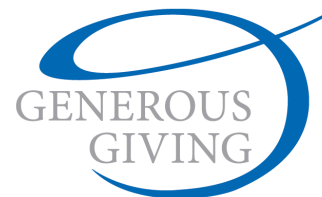
be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share. In this way you will lay up treasure for yourself as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that you may take hold of the life that is truly life.



My hope for this recession is that I would more fully live out the truth of God's Word. That instead of putting my hope in wealth, I would truly put my hope in God. In applying God's teaching to my life, there is the promise of peace, contentment and joy. My prayer for this recession

is that millions of God's children would be liberated from finding security in what is insecure and temporal and truly put their hope in who is truly trustworthy!

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