

## "I BELIEVE..."

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**A Birth Certificate shows that we were born; A Death Certificate shows that we died; Pictures show that we lived! Have a seat. Relax. and now read this slowly.**

- 1) I believe - That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.
- 2) I believe - That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.
- 3) I believe - That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt us every once in a while and we must forgive them for that.
- 4) I believe - That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.
- 5) I believe - That we can do something in an instant that will give us heartache for life.
- 6) I believe - That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.
- 7) I believe - That we should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time we see them.
- 8) I believe - That we can keep going long after we think you can't.
- 9) I believe - That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.
- 10) I believe - That either we control our attitude or it controls you.
- 11) I believe - That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
- 12) I believe - That money is a lousy way of keeping score.
- 13) I believe - That sometimes the people we expect to kick us when we're down, will be the ones to help us get back up.
- 14) I believe - That sometimes when we are angry we have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give us the right to be cruel.
- 15) I believe - That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences we've had and what we've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
- 16) I believe - That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes we have to learn to forgive ourselves
- 17) I believe - That no matter how bad our heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for our grief.

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- 18) I believe - That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
- 19) I believe - Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.
- 20) I believe - That our life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know us.
- 21) I believe - That even when we think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to us - we will find the strength to help.
- 22) I believe - That credentials on the wall do not make us a decent human being.
- 23) I believe - That the people we care about most in life are taken from us too soon.
- 24) I believe - That we should send this to all of the people that we believe in.
- 25) I believe - The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

These **twenty-five truths** are principles upon which one can have a better life if they are adhered to. Likewise, if one will read the Scriptures daily, worship regularly and get involved in the church - the Lord Jesus will be glorified and life will be enjoyed much more.

May we praise the Lord for people who have helped us along life's pathway and demonstrate a thankful spirit to them. A simple note, e-mail, letter, phone call, letter can go a long way to encourage them to help others. Remember - when one permits us to enter the flow of traffic when we have been sitting in line for sometime is really appreciated. Courtesy is contagious.

**Plainly, don't get short changed.** Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
  - 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
  - 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
  - 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
  - 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
  - 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)
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