

I Believe

Proverbs 4:23

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Timothy 4:1-8

1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits... 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. ... 6 If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. 8 ...Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

About Belief:

1. Belief Must Be Based On The Truth

Luke 1:1-4

*1 Many have undertaken to compose an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by the initial eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 Therefore, having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you... 4 **so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.***

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, **but as it actually is, the word of God**, which is indeed at work in you who believe.*

2. Biblical Beliefs Lead To The Best Life

Philippians 4:9

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

James 1:22, 25

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ... 25 Whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

3. Biblical Beliefs Are Worth Fighting For

The Battlefronts of Belief:

1. Personal

1 Timothy 1:18-19

18 I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

2. Interpersonal

1 Timothy 6:20

20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

2 Timothy 1:13-14

13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 4:3

3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

4. Biblical Beliefs Are What Everyone Needs

"The most loving thing you can do is stand boldly in the Truth and kindly call people to it. Gentle, but unwavering, like Jesus is with you."

Matthew 9:36

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Luke 4:18-19

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.