

## BELIEVE

Believe in your feelings. They are the trigger of God's Loving Energy and the remembrance that you live in His Sacred Heart. Believe in your questions, no matter how small. They are the gateway to knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment. Believe in your gifts, no matter how meager. They are God's gift to your world, to enrich it and to bring it love. Believe in your past, no matter how painful. It is a unique book of the history of God's mercy and faithfulness. Believe in your dreams and visions, no matter the climb. They propel you forward in your adventures with God. Believe in the goodness within you, no matter how many pointed fingers. They are only passing signs of fear reminding you to forgive and remain rooted in Love's Reality. Believe in your decisions, no matter the mistakes. They are your "Yes" to life, your assent to where God is to be found. Believe in your ideas, no matter how absurd. They are seeds, seeking nourishment, sunshine and life-giving water. Believe in your neighbor, no matter the risk. He is sent from God to walk with you. Believe in your God, no matter the confusion. He is the source of your life and He Loves You.

### **EXPECTANCY AND THE GOOD LIFE** Washington

Irving once wrote: "Great minds have purposes; others have wishes." His insight leads to the realization that without expectancy, we lack purpose. Achievers, in particular, exhibit this attitude of expectancy. This shows itself most forcefully in the way they minimize their losses. They do not grieve over failures or what might have been. Rather, the achiever looks around the corner in anticipation of the good things that await him. All he has to do, he believes, is show the determination to get there. He rejects the notion of "can't." As a result, he is able to open more doors than others, strike better deal and attract more energetic and resourceful people to work with him. He sets higher standards and gets others to help him meet them. He wins confidence and nurtures vitality in others. He expects to succeed. When combined with desire, expectancy produces hope. And hope makes all things possible. Living the expectant life is simply an act of good judgment.

Allan Coc, *The Making of An Achiever*, *TESN*