#### Tiffany's Testimony - in Her Words

**Background:** Quotes of testimony gathered from Tiffany's letters written to John between June 1992-July 1994 while he was serving a mission for the Church in Japan.

## **Heavenly Father**

We have a loving Father in Heaven whose ways are perfect.

#### **Jesus Christ**

- I know Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of the world . . . He lives.
- Christ atoned for the sins of all mankind
- Christ is the way, the truth and the light.
- I am so grateful to the Savior for suffering for me so that I may, through Him, have eternal life.
- I know Jesus is the Savior and the He loves us more than we can comprehend. I hope someday to develop and be blessed with the gift of charity to feel a portion of the love Christ has for all men.
- Jesus Christ stands at the head of the Church
- Jesus is the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh who lived a spotless life and atoned for our sins and overcame death to give us eternal life and access to exaltation.
- The Lord loves each of us perfectly, and is aware of each of us personally.
- I love Him and am grateful for His eternal sacrifice for me.
- Jesus is the gospel: his example, atonement and resurrection.

## **Holy Ghost**

• The Holy Ghost is a powerful testifier and will testify of all truth.

#### Plan of Salvation

- I know that obedience and repentance are the keys to gaining exaltation.
- [I know] that through the atonement all who repent and obey and endure can have all that the Father hath.
- . . . . we can all be forever families if we live up to our temple covenants and endure to the end faithfully.
- Life has purpose; and man is that he might have joy!
- Babies and families are [so] beautiful . . . in His Plan.
- I have a testimony [that] Jesus Christ is the son of God and He came to earth to fulfill the Plan.
- Families are so important! And Satan is attacking the family from all sides. I look around and my heart aches for children who are growing up in such awful situations of single parents, divorce, abuse, and without the gospel. I feel so fortunate to have had the secure upbringing . . . and to be able to raise a family in healthy and loving circumstances.

# Gospel

- The gospel is true and beautiful, and I love it so much!
- [The gospel] . . . is simple, perfect, . . . and fits together just right everywhere!
- [The gospel] . . . is eternal and perfect and immovable
- True happiness isn't found at amusement parks or fairs or in material possessions. It's found in living the gospel of
  Jesus Christ. The main thing that helps me deal with all the negative, horrible stuff the world is involved in is my
  faith in Jesus Christ. That there is a better future through Him and ultimately good will triumph over evil. That
  faith and testimony makes life worth living and inspires me to do my best and gives me a "perfect brightness of
  hope."
- I know that obedience to the principles of the gospel makes a person happy and the Lord will bless him. And that disobedience brings punishment and misery. . .
- The gospel is true, it is the rod that we must cling to in this mist of darkness!
- I know the gospel is true and that this church is His church and is the Kingdom of God on the earth. I am grateful for its constantness in this world of ever increasing insecurity and instability. I find peace and safety in the

gospel's message. There is hope, and righteousness will win in the end! I hope and pray that my family – the one I grew up in and the one I'm raising – will be on the Lord's side when He comes again!

### **Prophets**

- I know [we have] a living prophet and he is guiding and directing this church . . . [and] is a prophet seer and revelator.
- The things he tells us are from the Lord and I have a strong testimony that following the prophet brings security and many blessings and I am so grateful to have latter day council and know that I have a direction to follow
- [He] tells us the will of Christ.
- Joseph Smith saw God the Father and His only Begotten son, Jesus Christ, and through him the gospel was again restored to the Earth . . . ushered in the Dispensation of the fullness of Times . . . [and] restored all the keys of the gospel to the earth. And we are so blessed to have it. It is what guides my boat through the turbulent waters of these latter days.
- I know Joseph Smith is the great prophet of the Restoration and that "great is his glory and endless his priesthood."

# **Book of Mormon**

- I know the Book of Mormon is true . . . [is] the true word of God . . . to us and the world . . . contains the fullness of the gospel . . . [and is] another testament of Jesus Christ.
- It brings us close to God, teaches truth and doctrine and warns us in our day of the evils and pitfalls that could eternally harm us.
- I feel its power each time I read.
- It testifies of Christ, and tells us things we need for our day.

#### **Prayer**

- I want you to know that I know the power of prayer is real.
- The Lord hears and answers my prayers daily and I'm so grateful for His love and presence in my life.
- Heavenly Father hears and answers every prayer

# **Tithing**

I truly have a STRONG testimony of tithing and a generous fast offering!

## Gratitude

- The Lord has blessed Damon and I so abundantly both temporally and spiritually.
- I acknowledge His hand in everything good and wonderful in my life and my family's.
- I am grateful to have been born and raised in the true and living church on the earth.
- [I am grateful] that I have the gospel in its purity to guide my actions and decisions.
- I'm grateful for the Holy Ghost, for prayer and for the Atonement which are all precious gifts the Lord has given us to help us gain eternal exaltation.
- We are so blessed to be living today in this time.
- I'm grateful that I have a testimony of these things.
- I'm so grateful to understand what I do and to be a member of the Lord's earthly kingdom in these days!
- He has blessed me so abundantly. I feel so spoiled. I have so many weaknesses, I feel I am not doing an adequate
  job of building the kingdom. But I will keep trying and hopefully the Lord will be able to use me in spite of my
  faults.

### Faith

- I... have a testimony of faith
- Through faith in Jesus Christ, we need not fear, as long as we are faithfully striving to keep the commandments and our
  covenants.
- Miracles do happen.
- I hope I will stand as a witness of Christ always.