



## *The story of the \$20 bill*

A speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill high in the air, waving it around. In the room of over 200 people he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill? Raise your hand if you would." Hands started going up throughout the room. The speaker then said "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He then proceeded to crumple the 20 dollar note up in his hand, crushing it as hard as he could. He then asked the audience, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" He then dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He then picked it up, now crumpled and dirty and asked the audience "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air, nobody put their hands down.

The speaker then addressed the audience and said "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson here today. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by some people in our lives and the circumstances that come our way. We are made to feel as though we are worthless; but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes, not in what we do or who we know, but by ...WHO WE ARE.

**You are ALWAYS special, don't ever forget it**