

## **STUDY GUIDE**

### **CHAPTER 1**

**“God first, family second, everything else third”**

- 1. If someone looked at your life, what would they say are your priorities?**
- 2. What about your life would you change if you began to put God first when setting your priorities?**
- 3. What are the obstacles that keep you from doing this?**

### **CHAPTER 2**

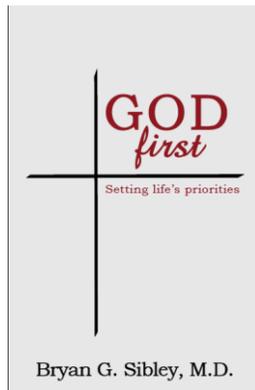
**“Serve the Lord by serving others”**

- 1. Society places such an emphasis on self-promotion. On the other hand, Jesus lived his life and died on the cross for everyone but Himself. In what ways could you begin to intentionally add acts of service to your life?**
- 2. What do we find so compelling about acts of selfless service?**
- 3. Think about a time in your life when you did something that was completely in the service of someone else, perhaps even a stranger. What was the outcome? For you? For that other person?**

### **CHAPTER 3**

**“The Great Commission”**

- 1. Who first introduced you to Christ? How did he or she do this? What was it about him or her that compelled you to grow in your faith?**
- 2. What is your understanding of The Great Commission?**
- 3. How can you live into The Great Commission each and every day?**



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### **CHAPTER 4**

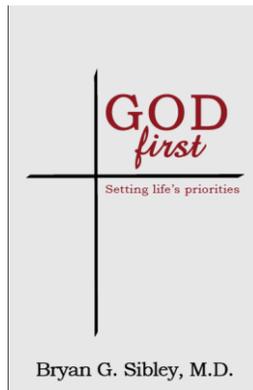
**“Tithe, because it all belongs to God anyway”**

- 1. Have a look at your checking account. To what or to whom is your money going? What does that tell you about your priorities?**
- 2. What is your understanding of “tithe”?**
- 3. What is a first step (or steps) you can take to begin to put God first with your finances?**

### **CHAPTER 5**

**“It’s crystal clear: We are to care for the poor”**

- 1. Who are the “poor” in your life? (How do you define “the poor”?)**
- 2. Where do you encounter “the poor” in your life?**
- 3. What is it that might keep you from serving the poor?**
- 4. How can you move towards greater service to those who are less fortunate than you?**



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### **CHAPTER 6**

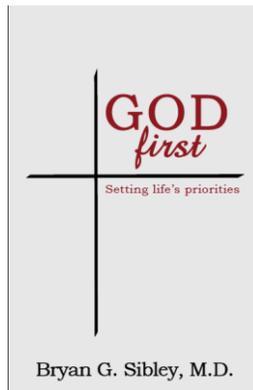
#### **“God’s superior plan for us”**

- 1. When you were young, what did you plan to do with your life? Are you doing it? Looking back, do you see God’s hand directing your life path, even th rough difficult times?**
- 2. Each of us is uniquely gifted by God for positive contribution to the world. The things that bring you joy or that you do well are not random accidents – they are gifts from God. How does this view impact your thoughts about the direction of your life?**
- 3. What is it about your life that you enjoy? What is it about your life that you are not so fond of? Which of these areas do you think are consistent with God’s plan for your life?**
- 4. How can you go about determining what it is that God would have you do with your life?**

### **CHAPTER 7**

#### **“Expect miracles”**

- 1. Do you believe in miracles? Why or why not?**
- 2. Do you think that God is still interested in the miraculous?**
- 3. What specific steps can you take to begin to “expect miracles” in your life?**



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### **CHAPTER 8**

#### **“Walking by faith, not by sight”**

- 1. How easy is it for you to walk in faith?**
- 2. What do you think might help you improve your walk of faith?**
- 3. What fears, concerns or worries do you have about taking a daily walk in faith?**

### **CHAPTER 9**

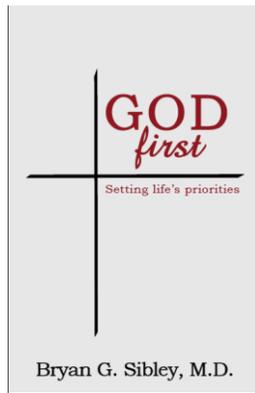
#### **“Forgive as you wish to be forgiven”**

- 1. What are the experiences in your life that keep you from forgiving others?**
- 2. Who are the people you’ve not forgiven?**
- 3. How would your relationship with these people be different if you would forgive them?**
- 4. Think about someone who’s not forgiven you. How would your relationship be different if they would forgive you?**
- 5. What’s holding you back from forgiveness? What can you do to move past this?**

### **CHAPTER 10**

#### **“Be relentless in expressing gratitude”**

- 1. What is it in your life for which you are grateful?**
- 2. What are the areas in your life in which you wish you had “more”? Why do you want more?**
- 3. Do you tend to focus on all the blessings in your life or on that which you don’t have? Why?**
- 4. How can you change your focus to one of gratitude in everything?**



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### **EPILOGUE**

#### **“On sharing the Good News”**

- 1. Now that you’ve finished the book, what have you learned about the importance of being a vessel through which God’s light shines to others?**
- 2. How can you live your life in a way that others seek to have what you have? How can you share this with them?**