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**First – Part 1 – The Order Matters**  
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They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast,  
trusting in the Lord. – Psalm 112:7

**How would you describe your spiritual life in 2016?**

- ✓ Spiritually APATHETIC.
- ✓ Spiritually INCONSISTENT.
- ✓ Spiritually PASSIONATE.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these  
things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33

## **THE GOD-FIRST LIFE**

### **1) First of the day: SEEK GOD.**

Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.  
- 1 Chronicles 16:11

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left  
the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.  
– Mark 1:35

### **2) First of the week: WORSHIP.**

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do,  
but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his  
return is drawing near. – Hebrews 10:25

### **3) First of the month: PUT GOD FIRST IN MY FINANCES.**

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or  
fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.  
– Leviticus 27:30

You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important  
things. – Matthew 23:23

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to  
give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful  
giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7

### **4) First of the year: PRAY & FAST.**

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, **18** so  
that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to  
your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is  
done in secret, will reward you. – Matthew 6:17-18

✓ **What's your ONE word for 2017?**

“The Lord bless you and keep you; **25** the Lord make his face shine  
on you and be gracious to you; **26** the Lord turn his face toward  
you and give you peace.” – Numbers 6:24-26