

BIG-HEARTED PEOPLE



STUDY GUIDE

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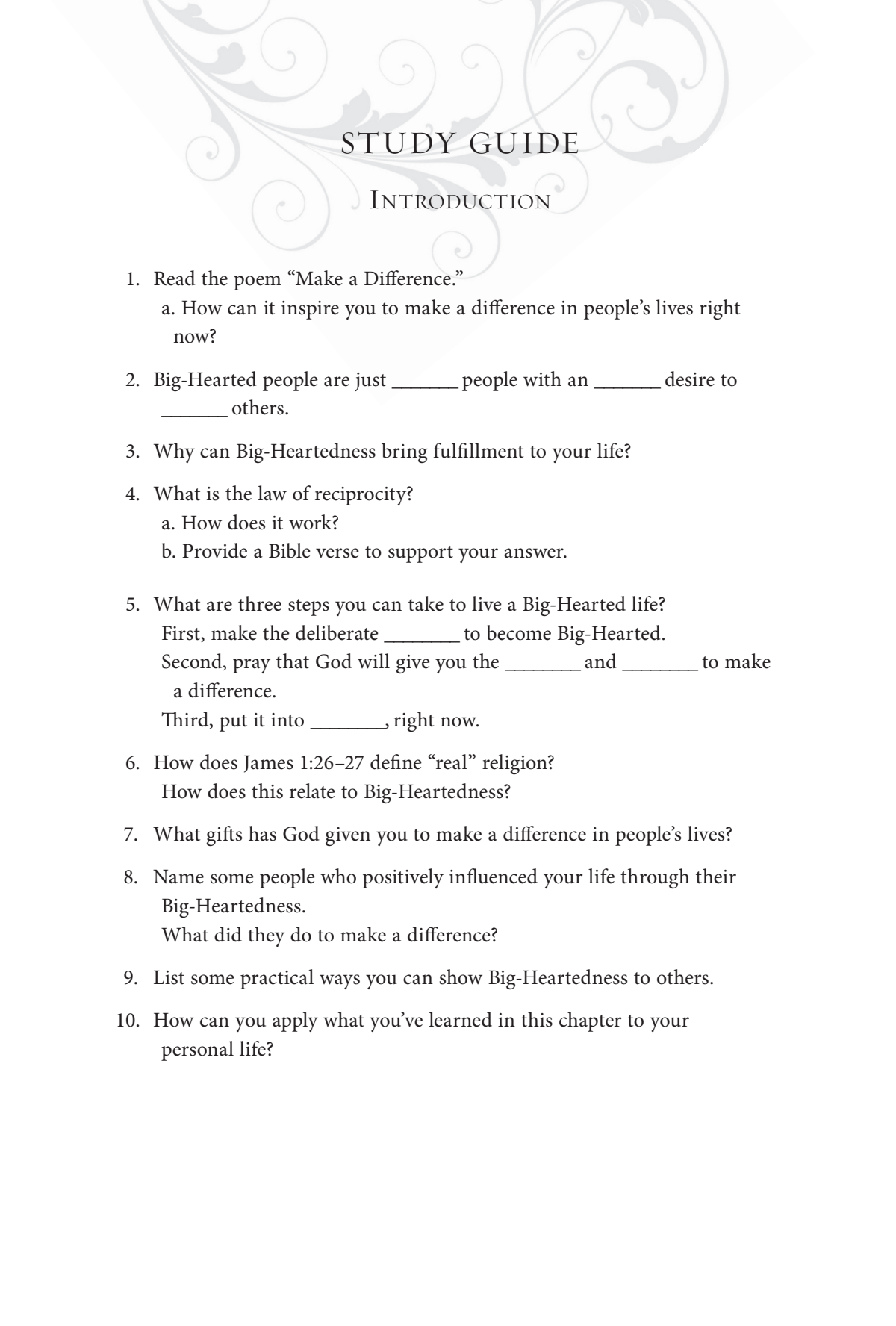
PREFACE

First and foremost, I wish to thank you for purchasing my book and for your desire to live your life as a Big-Hearted Person. This companion study guide may be used for either self-study or group discussion. I have designed it to increase learning retention by highlighting the most important truths from each chapter and asking questions which will make you look deep inside your heart for the answers. I'm certain the Holy Spirit will give you special insight as well. I encourage you to intently and prayerfully take the time to respond to each question.

My sincere desire is that this study guide, in harmony with the book, will motivate you to reach out to others with Big-Heartedness, and inspire you to develop a more intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

In His peace,

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INTRODUCTION

1. Read the poem “Make a Difference.”
 - a. How can it inspire you to make a difference in people’s lives right now?
2. Big-Hearted people are just _____ people with an _____ desire to _____ others.
3. Why can Big-Heartedness bring fulfillment to your life?
4. What is the law of reciprocity?
 - a. How does it work?
 - b. Provide a Bible verse to support your answer.
5. What are three steps you can take to live a Big-Hearted life?

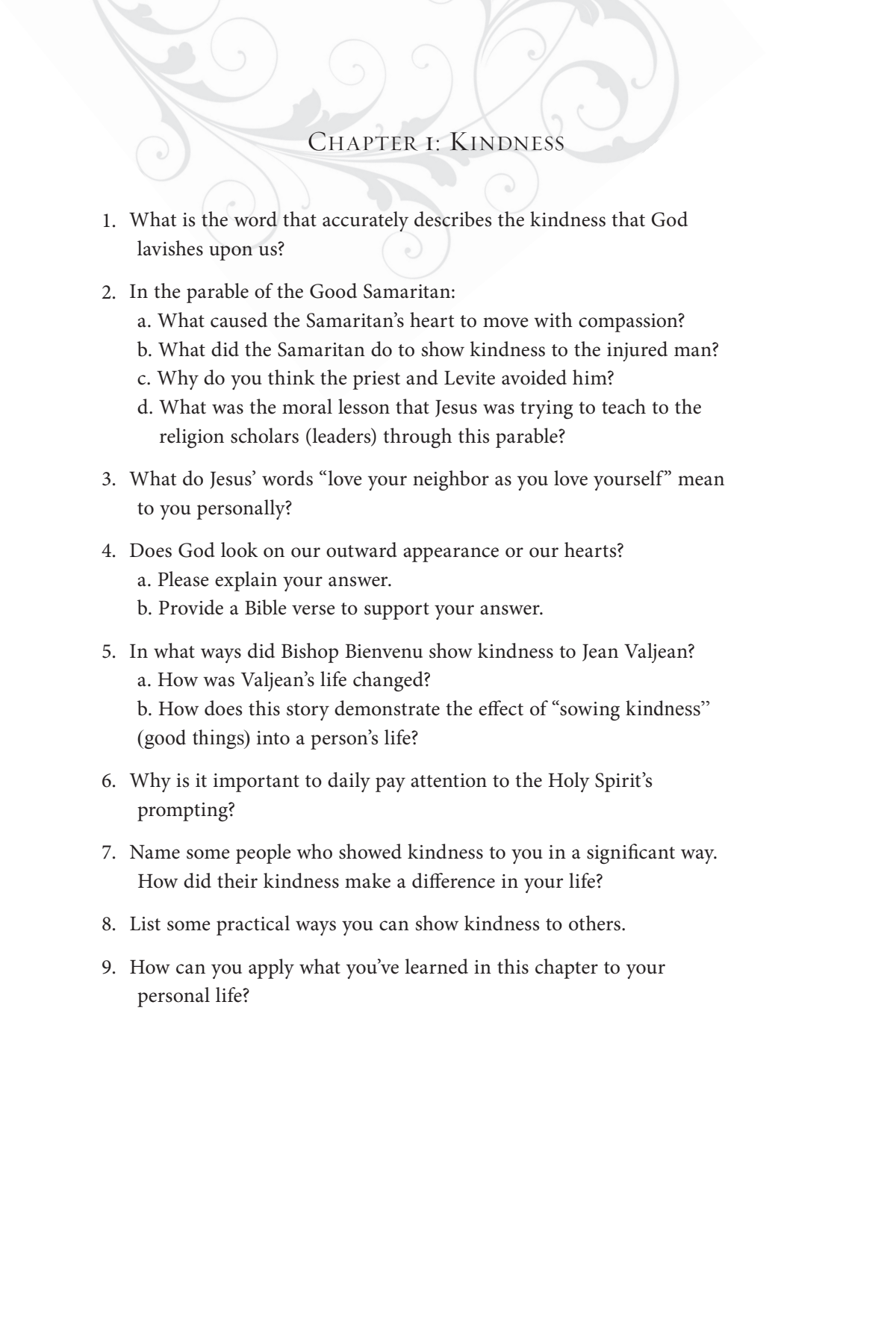
First, make the deliberate _____ to become Big-Hearted.

Second, pray that God will give you the _____ and _____ to make a difference.

Third, put it into _____, right now.
6. How does James 1:26–27 define “real” religion?

How does this relate to Big-Heartedness?
7. What gifts has God given you to make a difference in people’s lives?
8. Name some people who positively influenced your life through their Big-Heartedness.

What did they do to make a difference?
9. List some practical ways you can show Big-Heartedness to others.
10. How can you apply what you’ve learned in this chapter to your personal life?



CHAPTER 1: KINDNESS

1. What is the word that accurately describes the kindness that God lavishes upon us?
2. In the parable of the Good Samaritan:
 - a. What caused the Samaritan's heart to move with compassion?
 - b. What did the Samaritan do to show kindness to the injured man?
 - c. Why do you think the priest and Levite avoided him?
 - d. What was the moral lesson that Jesus was trying to teach to the religion scholars (leaders) through this parable?
3. What do Jesus' words "love your neighbor as you love yourself" mean to you personally?
4. Does God look on our outward appearance or our hearts?
 - a. Please explain your answer.
 - b. Provide a Bible verse to support your answer.
5. In what ways did Bishop Bienvenu show kindness to Jean Valjean?
 - a. How was Valjean's life changed?
 - b. How does this story demonstrate the effect of "sowing kindness" (good things) into a person's life?
6. Why is it important to daily pay attention to the Holy Spirit's prompting?
7. Name some people who showed kindness to you in a significant way. How did their kindness make a difference in your life?
8. List some practical ways you can show kindness to others.
9. How can you apply what you've learned in this chapter to your personal life?