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On the first year anniversary of the death of Steve Jobs, October 5, 2011, Tim Cook the current CEO of Apple wrote a tribute that, in part, reads as follows:

“One of the greatest gifts Steve gave the world is Apple. No company has ever inspired such creativity or set such high standards for itself. Our values originated from Steve and his spirit will forever be the foundation of Apple. We share the great privilege and responsibility of carrying his legacy into the future.”

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Influence is powerful.

Who has inspired you through their influence? If someone wrote a tribute about you after you died would it include your high standards and values that influenced others?

In our study this week we find someone who had a greater influence on the world than Mr. Jobs; a God who is revealed to us through Biblical inspiration.
Key to understanding the study of God’s word is learning how to use the tools of Bible study. One such way is called the inductive Bible study method. To help you remember the steps in this type of study you might think of it as looking something like this: iPray, iRead, iObserve, iInterpret, iPersonalize and iApply.

In this way we look within a passage of Scripture and try to identify with the characters, their actions or circumstances in the text and relate what we observe to our own life today. We ask the question, “What does this passage mean for my life?” It helps to make the words come alive.

After our study we might then write a tribute similar to Tim Cook’s.

The greatest gift God gave the world is his Son, Jesus Christ. No one has ever inspired such creativity or set such high standards for us. Our values originated from a personal experience with Jesus as acquired through the Word of God found in the Bible. Moved by the Spirit of God the Bible will forever be the ultimate standard and foundation of truth. We share the great privilege and responsibility of developing a personal relationship with Jesus so we may carry the legacy of triune God into the future by sharing the love, acceptance, mercy and forgiveness of God’s nature with others.

“He rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Hebrews 11:6, last part).

Additional Resource: NBC News

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