



2021 Goal Planner



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Wisdom for a New (Better) Year

While 2020 has shown us how many things are beyond our control, the Bible gives us wisdom to live a meaningful life no matter our circumstance. You have some choices to make—not only about what kind of year you'll have, but about what kind of life you'll live.

This 2021 Goal Planner is a tool for setting and following through on goals for a new year. Join Mariners Church in the new year for a weekend message series that will dive deeper into the Bible's wisdom for each of the 7 goals you'll set. Throughout the year, check in on your goals and take action to follow through.

Now, let's get started on your goals for 2021!

At different times throughout the year, pause and evaluate your progress. In what areas have you seen the most growth? Where do you need to take action to follow through?

Remember, have grace for yourself! Every step we take toward positive change helps us grow. No matter how diligently you stick to your goals, there's reason to celebrate!

A Life Without Fear

Scripture distinguishes between the “fear of man” as unhealthy and the “fear of God” as healthy.

Are you worried about pleasing people or God? Unhealthy fear stops you from living the good life He has for you. Healthy fear provides an accurate understanding of God, yourself, and the world.

Think about the decisions, attitudes, or behaviors in your life that are influenced by what other people may think about you. Brainstorm things that you'd like to do but haven't due to unhealthy fears.

Where is fear holding you back from living a fuller life?

What will you do this year to begin to walk in freedom?

If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:3-6



A Life Of Wisdom

The people we surround ourselves with have the biggest influence on our character, behavior, and attitude. Consider those in your closest circle. How have you become more alike? How have they challenged you to think or behave differently?

Do they help expand your thinking or do you find your interests and conversations have taken a predictable form? The people surrounding you will either help you or harm you, so choose your circle of influence carefully.

Who is positively influencing your life?

Whose life could you positively influence?

This year I'm going to spend time investing in a relationship with:

The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm. Proverbs 13:20

Living with a Healthy Heart

We all know the importance of protecting the physical health of our heart. This year, you may choose to eat better, exercise more, or reduce stress. Protecting the spiritual health of your heart is equally important. To have a healthy spiritual heart, you need to be mindful of what you look at, listen to, talk about, and dwell on.

What factors in my life are negatively contributing to the spiritual health of my heart?

I notice a positive change in my mood when I spend time:

I will take care of my heart this year by:

Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life. Proverbs 4:23

Living an Integrated Life

Have you ever felt like part your life was out of alignment? Living an integrated life, or a life of integrity, means your beliefs, words, and actions line up. Do you present yourself the same way at church, in business, online, and with your friends? Do you hide parts of yourself before God, others, or even those closest to you?

Be encouraged. God desires your wholeness even more than you do.

What area of your life do your words and actions not match up?

What deeper value does that reveal?

Identify one small step to bring your beliefs and actions into alignment so that you are living with integrity.

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by duplicity. Proverbs 11:3

Living With True Wealth

Money is a big part of everyone's life. It's not inherently good or bad. Your attitude toward material things is even more important than the things themselves. True wealth comes when we are free from anxiety around money, trusting God for provision, and content with what we have. This year, how can you have greater integrity and joy in your financial life?

What commitment will you make related to each of the following:

Saving?

Spending?

Sharing/Giving?

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!... Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife... Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse. Proverbs 16:6, 17:1, 28:6



Living Your 100,000 Hours Well

The average American will spend an estimated 100,000 hours in their lifetime working. Let that sink in! Whether you've reached success in business, are a civil servant, or running a home, work is not a "necessary evil." It's important and has always been a good gift from God. While not everyone has a job they love, there is goodness to be found in the act of work itself. How will your attitude about your work impact the joy you experience this year?

How do you think about and talk about your job?

What is one way your work makes the world better?

How will you remind yourself of the "good" that God can do through your work?

A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies has no sense. Proverbs 12:11

Living With True Wealth

To steward the one life we're given well means doing what we can to impact the lives of those around us. To live a life centered on personal benefit without regard for others would minimize the plan God has for you—He created you to impact the world! Jesus champions the cause of the poor, and we honor Him when we extend love, mercy, and justice. How can you leverage your life on behalf of others this year?

How can you make a difference in the lives of those who have less than you?

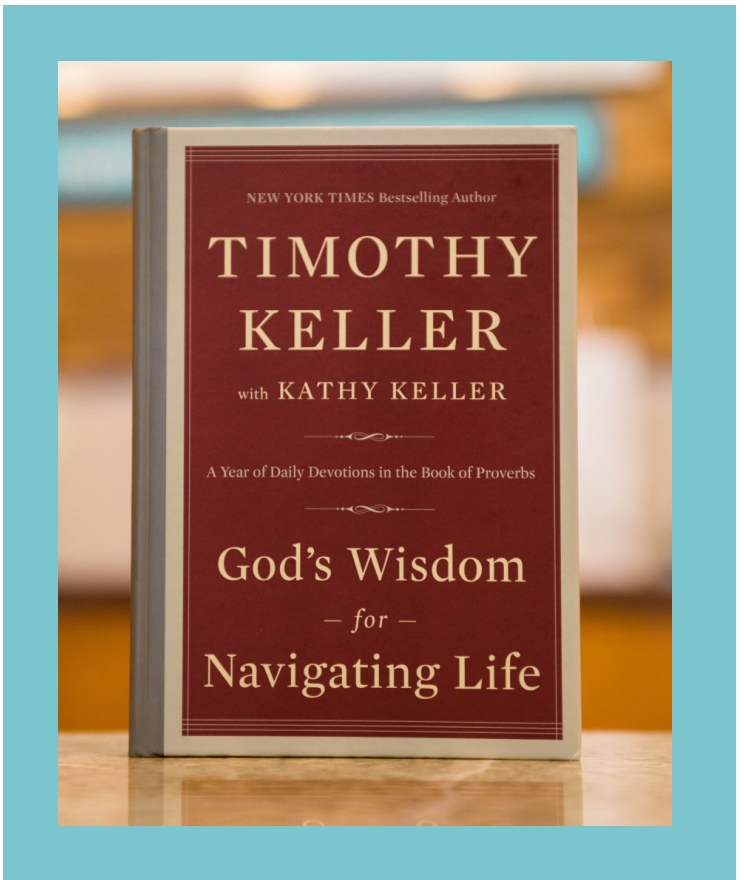
How can those same people make a difference in your own life? What might you learn from them?

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9

Annual Read

Start this year with a commitment to focus your heart and mind on God each day. The Mariners Church annual read for 2021 is *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life* by Timothy and Kathy Keller. Each day you'll read a verse from the Bible's wisdom literature and a short commentary to help you process and apply God's wisdom to your life.

Purchase your copy at the Mariners Bookstore or any online retailer.



Word to the Wise

It's time for a fresh start. Kick off the new year with Mariners on January 2 & 3 as we unpack timeless wisdom from Proverbs.

From friendships to finances to faith, God's Word is full of practical wisdom for 2021. Join us for our weekend message series, *Word to the Wise*, and walk in wisdom with us this winter.

