

*CityChurch Sunday Morning*

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# My Strategy

How do I make my legacy a reality?

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# Planning Our Lives

We will continue for the next three weeks preparing to live intentionally in 2019. We all want to live life to the fullest, lives that reach their full potential. We will be following our tool Life<sup>n</sup> as a guide in this process.

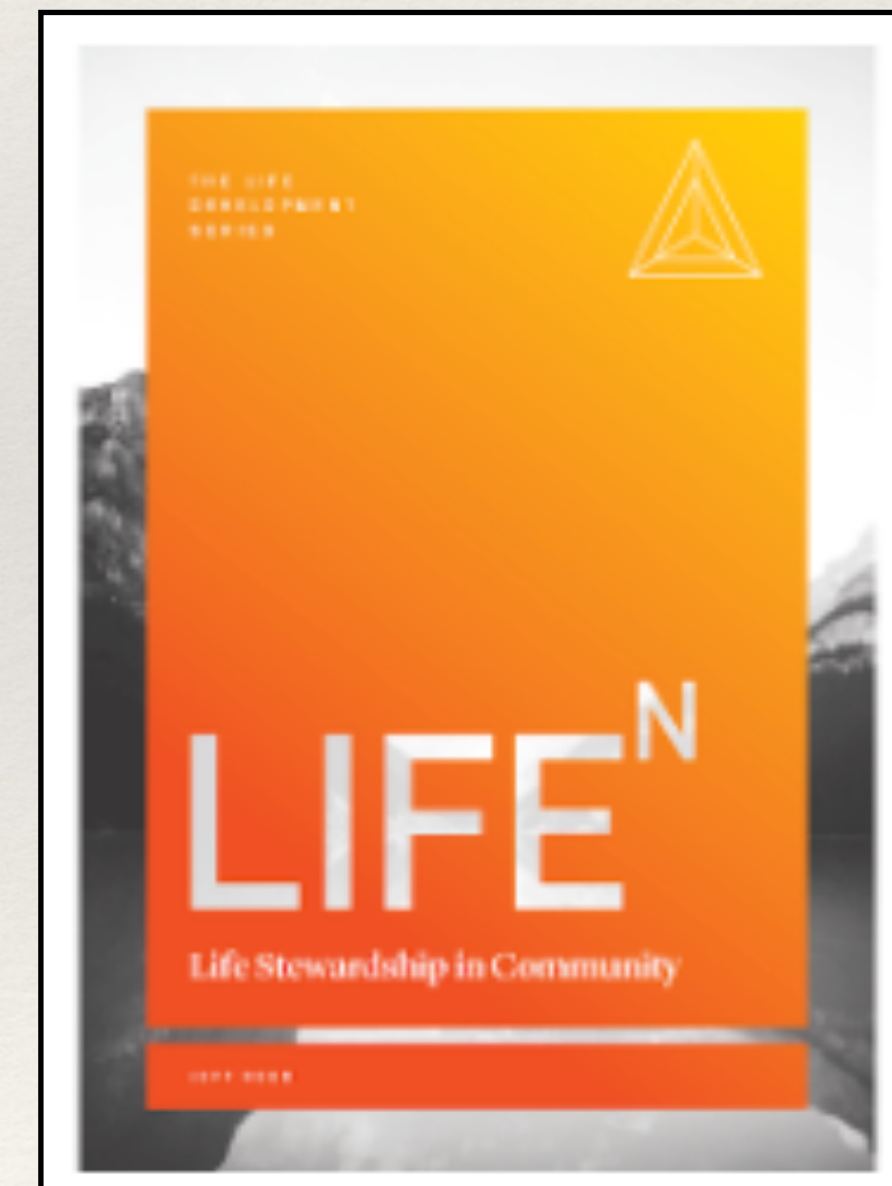
Outline of our time:

**Jan 6** - Story, Purpose and Abilities

**Jan 13** - Legacy

**Jan 20** - Strategy

**Feb 10** - Habits



# Planning Our Lives

Life<sup>n</sup> is about living life to the fullest. A Life that reaches its full potential. A life that

- Is full of joy, thankfulness
- Makes a difference and has an impact in this world, starting with our own family, and communities

Hebrew wisdom, hokmah means - skill in living

- This is only attained when we build our lives around core, sound principles of living and practice them regularly
- We must get a sense of where we are going in life, then focus on habits and processes of acquiring wisdom across our lifetime.
- If you don't design your life, chance are you'll fall into someone else's plan. Guess what they have planned for you? Not much.

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*–John 10:10*

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days,  
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

*–Psalm 90:12*

<sup>10</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

*–Ephesians 5:15–16*

An “Abundant” Life

Stewarding Our Days

Walking Wisely

# Planning Our Lives

## Planning

Your Story - the historical circumstances, beyond your control that have shaped your life

Your Purpose - in light of your story, why do you exist, what do you have to contribute

Your Abilities - your uniquely given gifts and abilities, how they fit into your role

Your Legacy - what are you passing on to others, how will you be remembered

## Living it Out

**Your Strategy - making your legacy a reality, focusing on our whole life strategy planning**

Your Habits - carefully developing habits and disciplines that serve your entire life

# Life Development Plan Framework

Your  
Story

Your  
Purpose

Your  
Abilities

Your  
Legacy

Your  
Strategy

Your  
Habits

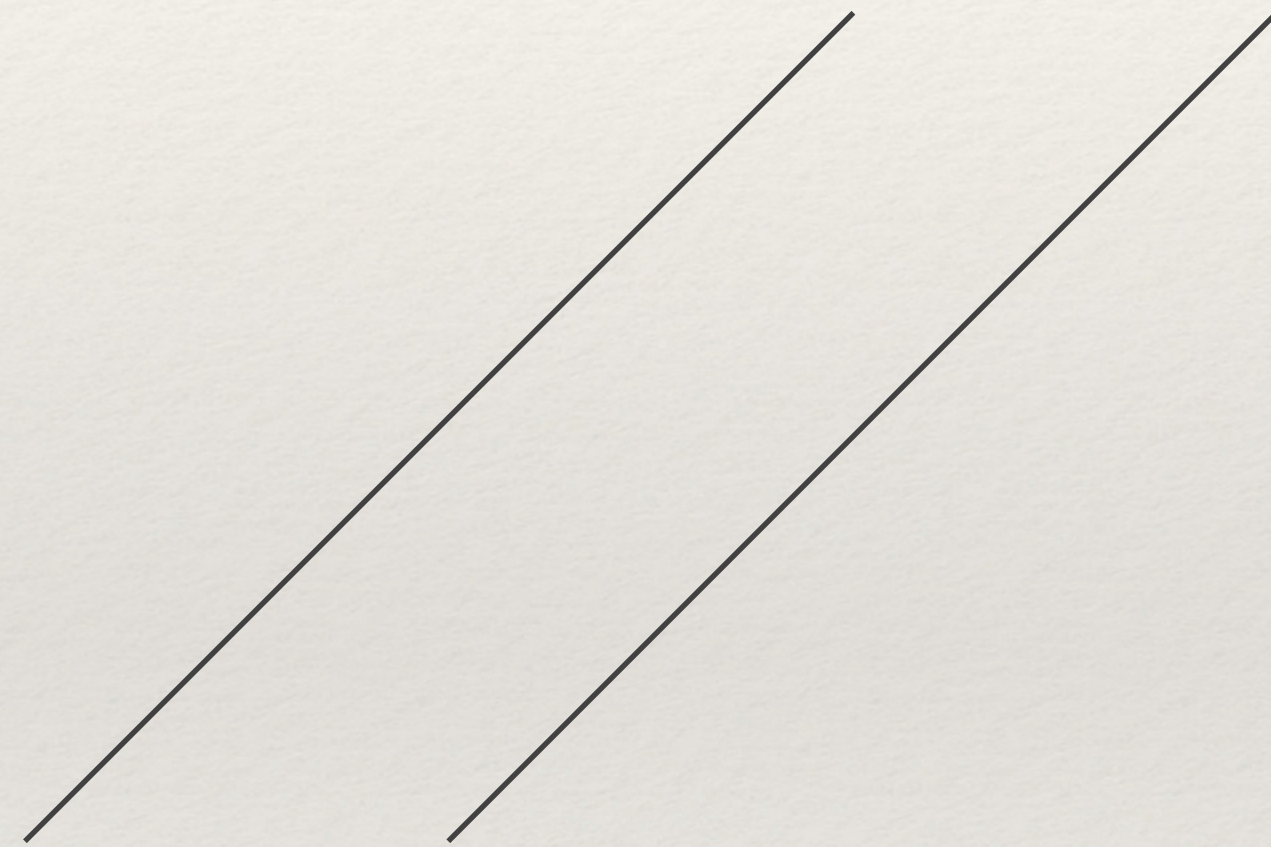


Don't fall off the horse here!



Now we need to deal seriously with...

Idea



Reality



*We need to develop a strategic life plan.*

*A plan designed to keep it all in balance.*



Individual

Family

Local Community

World Community

The demands of life and cultural pressures war against this.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 BUSY!	2 BUSY!	3 BUSY!	4 BUSY!	5 BUSY!
6 BUSY!	8 BUSY!	9 BUSY!	10 BUSY!	11 BUSY!	12 BUSY!
14 BUSY!	15 BUSY!	16 BUSY!	17 BUSY!	18 BUSY!	19 BUSY!
21 BUSY!	22 BUSY!	23 BUSY!	24 BUSY!	25 BUSY!	26 BUSY!
28	29	30	31		

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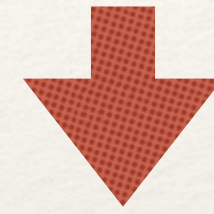
# Putting daily planners in their place!



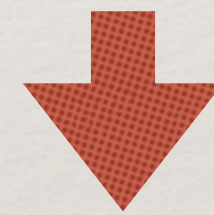
They aren't a tool for strategic life thinking/planning.  
But we use them that way.

# Moving from strategy to activity.

Your Strategy



Planning Guides



Yearly / Monthly / Daily Activities

Should give you tremendous confidence in your decisions and actions!

Broad

Specific

Stable

Agile

Unique Life Purpose

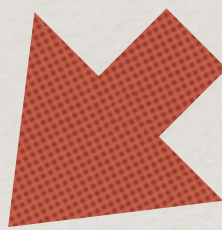
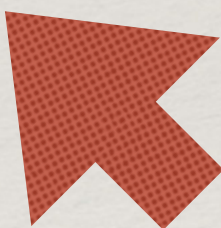
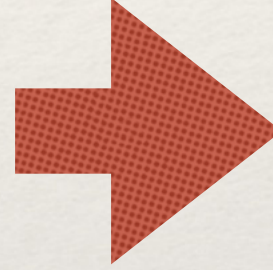
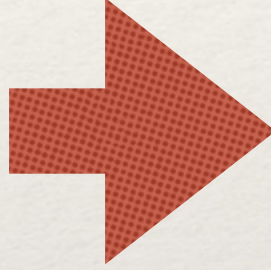
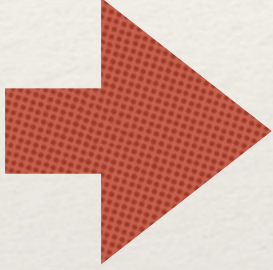
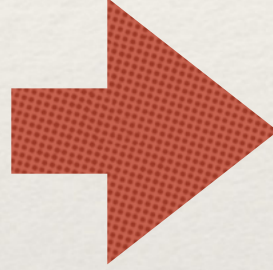
Lifelong Intentions

Long Range Goals

Flexible Strategy

Detailed Plan

Habits & Goals



# Lifelong Intentions

1. Aspirations or mini-visions for each element of your life purpose.
2. These should be worded in a way that would be true of you throughout your life.
3. Several aspirations for each area of your life.
4. Write in a few words —> Then explain more thoroughly

### **Lifelong Individual Goals**

- Develop into a disciplined, wise man
- Personal mastery of the scriptures
- Become a benefactor (time and money)
- Help others launch their own business ventures.
- Contribute significantly to local and international ministry
- Maintain personal health/fitness

### **Lifelong Family Intentions**

- Cultivate and grow a lifelong marriage relationship with Stephanie.
- Build a strong sense of tradition and belonging to our family. (Intergenerational strength)
- See our faith successfully handed down generation-to-generation and see the family “on mission” contributing the work building the church—locally and globally.
- See our children successfully enter into adulthood and building strong foundations for their future (family, work, ministry, community).



### **Lifelong Community Intentions**

- See our entire family using our gifts and abilities to contribute to the building and strengthening of our local church.
- For our family to be a significant contributor to efforts that enhance and strengthen the community we reside in.
- Make a significant contribution to the business community in Ames.
- Make a significant contribution to the international student community in Ames.

### **Lifelong World Community Intentions**

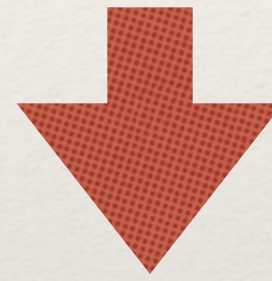
- To be a “world citizen,” understanding the issues facing all kinds of people groups as our world continues to get smaller, via technology.
- To contribute to the CityChurch network growing and expanding across North America, seeing people being reached with the gospel, and churches being planted in places where the church is desperately needed.
- For our family to contribute in a significant way to the growth and expansion of the church around the world (time/money).

# Long-Range Goals

1. Based on your unique life purpose.
2. At least 5-years in length, and as many as 30 years.
3. Basic question: What do I need to be doing over the next 5 (or more) years to accomplish each lifelong intention?

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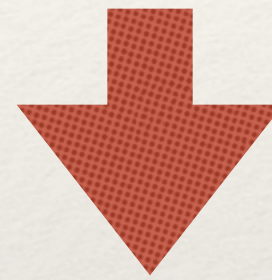


### **Long Range Individual Goals (at least 5 years in length) [41 years old]**

- Go through Leadership Ames
- Complete Antioch School Master of Ministry
- Grow a financial foundation to benefactor from (Investment / Giving)
- Do some kind of extreme race (Warrior Dash / Tough Mudder / Etc.)

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### **Long Range Family Goals (at least 5 years in length)**

- Complete development plans and timelines for each child, including special events, times, activities that reinforce tradition and belonging to family.
- International trip with the entire family→ Visit international church family
- Take James and Lucas on their 13th birthday trips.
- See our home emerge as a “base” for activity with their friends
- Continue to orient our family around biblical teaching and diligently work to apply the teachings in our lives. A vision and desire to love others, bless our neighbors/communities, and participate in the global expansion of the gospel

# Flexible Strategy

1. This is a 1-2 Year plan.
2. Prioritize the activities, dates, deadlines and review systems needed to help you accomplish your goals.
3. Identify the habits you need to build over a period of time.
4. Identify one-time simple goals, such as skills to be learned.



## Seasonal Life<sup>n</sup> Guide

### Items to Include

1. Business trips
2. Personal trips
3. Vacations
4. Major business projects
5. Major personal projects
6. Special events

Note: This is just intended to be a guide for those who plan 2–5 years in advance, to avoid scheduling on top of major events or other priority times. All detailed planning with specific dates should be done on a yearly calendar.

Months Covered By This Guide \_\_\_\_\_

<i>January</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>August</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>September</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>October</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>November</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>December</i>

## Weekly Life<sup>n</sup> Guide

### Items to Include

1. Study Blocks (reading, writing, etc.)
2. Work Blocks (major projects, administration, return phone calls, e-mail, etc.)
3. Family Blocks (relaxed family times, family projects, ministry, and structured learning times)
4. Community Blocks (family-outreach-school, neighborhood, work place, and local church ministry)
5. Appointment Blocks (appointment blocks, individual slots, and regular meetings)

### Use of the Guide

1. Remember not to use this as a calendar; it is just a planning tool. Actual dates should be put on a monthly calendar and then on a weekly planner, such as Microsoft Outlook.
2. Be sure to look at this master schedule each week as you fill out your weekly planner to remember your priority time, although be careful not so become enslaved to it.
3. Remember to review your long-range goals, strategic intents, and major projects when making your master schedule.
4. A new master schedule should be made at least every semester and probably every quarter.

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SATURDAY			
FRIDAY			
THURSDAY			
WEDNESDAY			
TUESDAY			
MONDAY			
SUNDAY			
	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING

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# Maximizing the Impact of Your Strategy

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- ❖ Work on it as a household —> A tool for creating one-mindedness.
  - ❖ Husbands / Wives
  - ❖ Children
  - ❖ Shapes a meaningful assessment framework.
- ❖ Share it with your church leaders and mentors
  - ❖ Shepherding resource —> Strengths? Gaps?



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