

DESIGN YOUR YEAR — DON'T DRIFT THROUGH IT

Welcome & Introduction - 5min

Drifting is easy.

Designing is deliberate.

If you don't choose direction, circumstances will choose it for you.

Life does not respond to wishes.

Life responds to principles.

If this year is left unattended, it will drift.

If this year is handled intentionally, it will produce results.

Here are five practical, life-governing principles that turn intention into outcomes—five things you must embrace, practice, and protect if you are going to maximize this year and live by design, not by default.

1. CLARITY CREATES MOMENTUM - 10min

Remember this:

- Clarity is not pressure; it is power.
- A vague life always produces weak results.

Life moves fastest when direction is settled. Undefined goals scatter energy and delay progress.

— Prov 29:18

— Hab 2:2

— 1 Cor 9:26

Discussion:

1. What specific goals must be clearly defined this year in my spiritual life, finances, relationships, and work?
2. Where have I been sincere but unclear—and how has that slowed my progress?

2. PLANNING TURNS INTENT INTO RESULTS - 10min

Remember this:

- Faith without planning drifts into wishful thinking.
- God blesses prepared people, not impulsive ones.

Planning gives structure to faith and direction to effort.

- Prov 21:5
- Luke 14:28
- Prov 16:3

Discussion:

1. What practical plans must I put in place this year to support the goals I've set?
2. Which areas of my life suffer because I rely on hope instead of strategy?

3. DISCIPLINE DECIDES OUTCOMES - 10min

Remember this:

- Discipline is choosing future reward over present comfort.
- What you practice daily will eventually dominate your life.

Consistency, not motivation, produces lasting results.

- 1 Cor 9:25
- Luke 16:10
- Prov 12:1

Discussion Prompts:

1. What daily disciplines are required to move my life forward this year?
2. Which undisciplined habits are quietly draining my momentum?

4. THE WORD IS THE BLUEPRINT - 10min

Remember this:

- Information does not transform; obedience does.
- The Word works only when it is practiced.

The Word of God is a manual to be acted on, not admired.

- Josh 1:8
- Matt 7:24
- Jas 1:22

Discussion:

1. In what areas am I hearing the Word but delaying obedience?
 2. How can I intentionally practice God's Word in everyday decisions this year?
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5. SELF-REVIEW PREVENTS COLLAPSE - 10min

Remember this:

- Honest review today prevents painful repair tomorrow.
- Correction is cheaper than collapse.

Progress is sustained by regular self-examination and timely correction.

- Luke 15:17
- 2 Cor 13:5
- Ps 139:23-24

Discussion:

1. What areas of my life need honest evaluation and immediate adjustment?
 2. Who has permission to speak truth into my life when I begin to drift?
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PRAYER POINTS - 5min

1. Lord, direct my steps deliberately this year.
2. Give me clear focus and purpose.
3. Help me to establish and maintain strong disciplines in my daily life.
4. Help me practice Your Word consistently.
5. Expose drift early and correct it quickly.
6. Cause my efforts to produce lasting fruit.