

Thrive
The Truth about Thriving
John 10:10

As we begin this new year I think everyone is glad 2020 is gone...

According to a survey, People Magazine says that most Americans are ditching the more traditional New Year's resolutions...

The top planned New Year's resolutions for 2021 aren't focused on going to the gym or losing weight,

62 percent said they will focus on saving money for the future

71 percent will be focusing on learning life skills or practical goals.

68 percent of respondents shared they want to move away from "traditional" resolutions to focus more on experiences

53 percent said they would be spending more time with their family

58 percent also said their 2021 resolution will be having a more positive outlook at life.

65 percent don't even plan on looking at these as "resolutions" but rather "intentions" for the new year.

62 percent of those polled also said they can't wait to tackle the new year with a fresh mindset and renewed motivation after feeling stagnant all throughout 2020.

What will 2021 hold?

Even though we cannot dictate nor predict to future for our nation, we can somewhat dictate and even predict our future...

We cannot dictate our circumstances, but we can dictate our actions

In starting this new year I have felt overwhelmingly impressed that the Lord wants to do something great in and through those who will join Him...

I've titled this series, "THRIVE!"

Thrive – /THrīv/ 1: to be healthy or do well; to flourish; 2: to prosper; to be successful; 3: to progress toward or realize a goal despite or because of circumstances

We are going to begin our journey together by first looking at "The Truth About Thriving"...

ONE THING

Biblical thriving is living in the ABUNDANCE of God's PROVISIONS as we are ABIDING in God's PRESENCE

The Lord wants you to Thrive!

Biblical thriving is MUCH MORE than physical wealth

Biblical thriving has to do with prospering spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically both now and for all eternity!

John 10:10 (ESV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

1. Our POSITION for Thriving

John 10:10 (ESV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Truth #1

We were CREATED by God to THRIVE!

The word translated here, “abundantly” means...

“A quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate.”

Genesis 1:26 (ESV) — 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:28 (ESV) — And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

2. Our PROVISION for Thriving

John 10:10 (ESV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Jesus came!

We just celebrated His birth...

Truth #2

**Jesus REDEEMS us from the FALL
to RETURN us to our CALL!**

3. Our PERCEPTION of Thriving

John 10:10 (ESV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Jesus came to open up for any and all who will come to Him ... a life of abundance!

Truth #3

**We must look beyond the TEMPORAL
and see into the ETERNAL!**

2 Corinthians 4:17–18 (ESV) — For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Psalm 92:6–7 (ESV) — The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;

The word that is translated here, “stupid”, is speaking of a person who stubbornly refuses God’s grace

Psalm 92:12–15 (ESV) — The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Note the contrasts...

→ **Pic 1**

Contrasts in Psalm 92	
The Worldly	The Righteous

→ **Pic 2**

Contrasts in Psalm 92	
The Worldly	The Righteous
Rejects God’s Grace	Receives God’s Grace

→ **Pic 3**

Contrasts in Psalm 92

The Worldly	The Righteous
Rejects God's Grace	Receives God's Grace
Rapid, Shallow Growth	Slow, Deep Growth

→ **Pic 4**

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→ **Pic 5**

Contrasts in Psalm 92

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Rapid, Shallow Growth	Slow, Deep Growth
Temporarily Thrives	Eternally Thrives
Doomed for Destruction	Headed for Glory!

Ephesians 4:17–18 (ESV) — Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

4. Our PROFESSION for Thriving

1 John 1:9 (ESV) — If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For believers...

Mark 11:22–24 (ESV) — And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Truth #4

It is not our CONDITIONS, but our CONFESSIONS that limit us!

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**Biblical thriving is living in the _____ of God's
_____ as we are _____ in God's _____**

1. Our _____ for Thriving

Truth #1
We were _____ by God to _____!

2. Our _____ for Thriving

Truth #2
**Jesus _____ us from the _____
to _____ us to our _____!**

3. Our _____ of Thriving

Truth #3
**We must look beyond the _____
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4. Our _____ for Thriving

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