Goal-Setting System **Beat Yesterday**





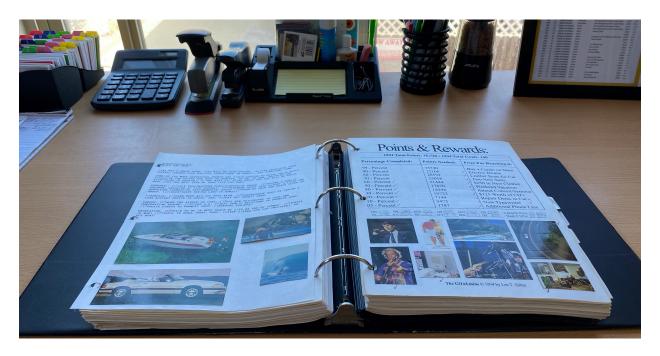
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The Winner's Edge

The Way Back Machine

I'll never forget the day my teacher (as punishment, I think) sent me to the library. While there I saw a book sitting on the table titled, *The Winner's Edge*. I thought it was about sports, so I picked it up. Actually, it was about the power of goals. I read it from cover to cover and set my first goal—make Honor Roll by the end of my first year of high school. Incredibly, I did—and every year after that.



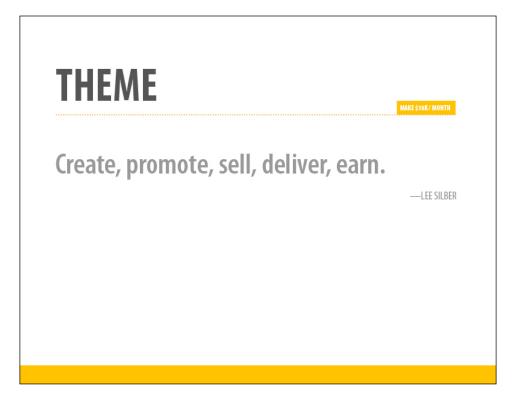
This is a photo of the earliest version of my goal-setting system which has evolved over 30 years.

Realizing the power of goals, I set and achieved all kinds of goals—move to Maui, open a surf shop, go to college, write a book, buy a house, and meet my soul mate—all by the time I was 25 years-old. That's how this system started.

Planning Your Year

The First Step

"Melts in your mouth, not in . . . " "Like a good neighbor, State Farm . . . "
"Just do . . . " These slogans work because they're descriptive, memorable, and focused. I believe it's helpful to have an overarching theme and slogan for the year. It shapes your goals, drives your decisions, and keeps you focused. It's also something you could share with others if you choose. Here's mine for 2021.



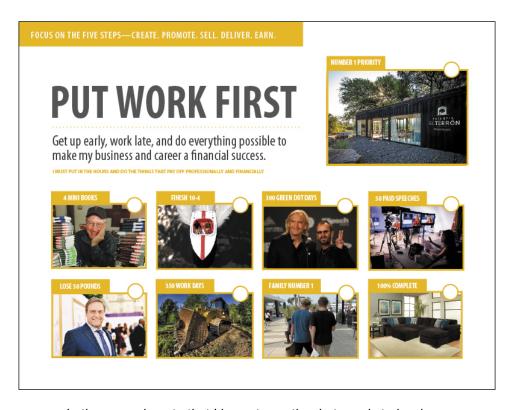
There's no "wrong" slogan, but the best ones are just a sentence or two.

It couldn't hurt to write down or print out a pocket-sized card to carry with you for the first few weeks of the year to help you internalize your theme. Look at it often, and use it as a guide to help you share your vision and make good decisions.

Goals By Category

The Next Step

I'm sharing my goals with you so you can get an idea how one person does it. That said, I'm only trying to inspire you to find the way to plan your year that works best for you. Pick and choose what you'll use and customize it for yourself. You'll see in the sample below I have nine areas of focus, with a main goal for each—and a visual to go with each goal.



In the example note that I lay out exactly what needs to be done.

Specific goals with target numbers numbers work best. For example, the goal of 300 Green Dot days ties in with my system of putting a green dot in my calendar if I exercise, eat healthy, and avoid any vices for that day.

Plan and Points

The Third Step

The next step I take is to plan for how to achieve each of my nine goals. (This one is for writing and publishing.) You'll also notice there are points attached to each task. The way it works is the more tasks completed, the more points earned. The points are tied to a reward system (which are explained on the next page).



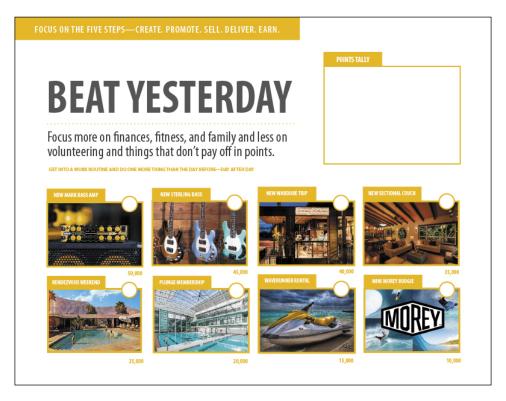
Again, a specific number is better than words like "more" or "a lot".

The caption under the main image on the goal sheet above highlights how it will feel or how I will benefit from reaching the goal. It helps to begin with the end in mind as motivating factor.

Points and Rewards

The Fourth Step

Years ago my parents participated in a loyalty program where they received green stamps for each dollar spent at various stores. When they filled a booklet with stamps they could cash it in and shop through a catalog of cool stuff. My idea is the same, create a catalog of things you want to do and have and you can have them when you've earned enough points by completing tasks. The harder the task, the more points it's worth.



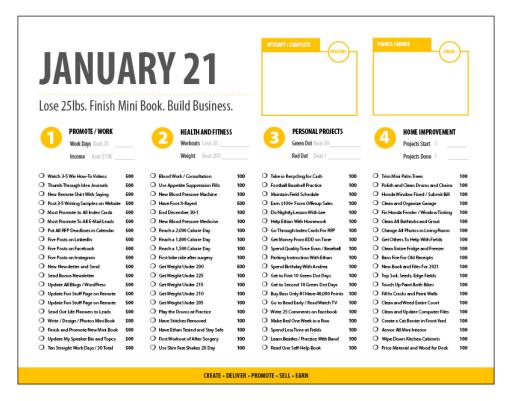
Do I "need" a new bass? No, but that's the point. The rewards are for fun stuff.

Keep a running balance of points you can use to reward yourself with all the things you want—even if they're frivolous, you earn them.

Monthly Motivation

The Fifth Step

I think one of reasons some people struggle with goals is they make an announcement on New Year's Eve, then that resolution fades after a few weeks. For me, breaking my annual goals down into things I can do each month is the key. It's about making something big and scary smaller and more manageable by turning it into a monthly thing to do.



My monthly plan is basically a things-to-do list tied to my yearly goals.

In the boxes in the top right corner I keep track of how many tasks I attempted and how many I completed, as well as the points earned.

Keeping Score

The Final Step

I probably should have mentioned this earlier, but I am a competitive person who loves sports. Thus, there is some competition involved in this system—even if it is with yourself. This sheet (below) is used to keep track of your stats. The goal is to be better than before and win more days than you lose—by a wide margin.

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NOVEMBER						
TOTALS						

After you've used this system for a year you can try to beat last year's numbers, month by month. Create your own custom score sheet.

The reasoning is, if you don't keep score, how can you tell if you're winning?

Lahaina, Maui

The Goal Man

As an avid surfer, one of my early goals was to live on Maui—which I achieved at the age of 19. However, I was no beach bum. I started two businesses, worked several different jobs, and still found time to volunteer for various causes. It was also during this time that I sat at my tiny desk in my one-bedroom condo and came up with this goal-setting system—and put it to use for the next 35 years.



My younger self driving my new jeep on Maui in 1985.

If it were not for my unique way of setting and achieving goals there is no way I could have founded five companies, written 25 books, traveled the globe as a well-paid speaker, and met and married my wife of 26 years. This works!

Keep in Touch Lee Silber

If you need to reach me for any reason—to share your success with this system or talk about your struggles—don't hesitate to contact me. We can also work together and create a custom version of this system for you if needed.

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