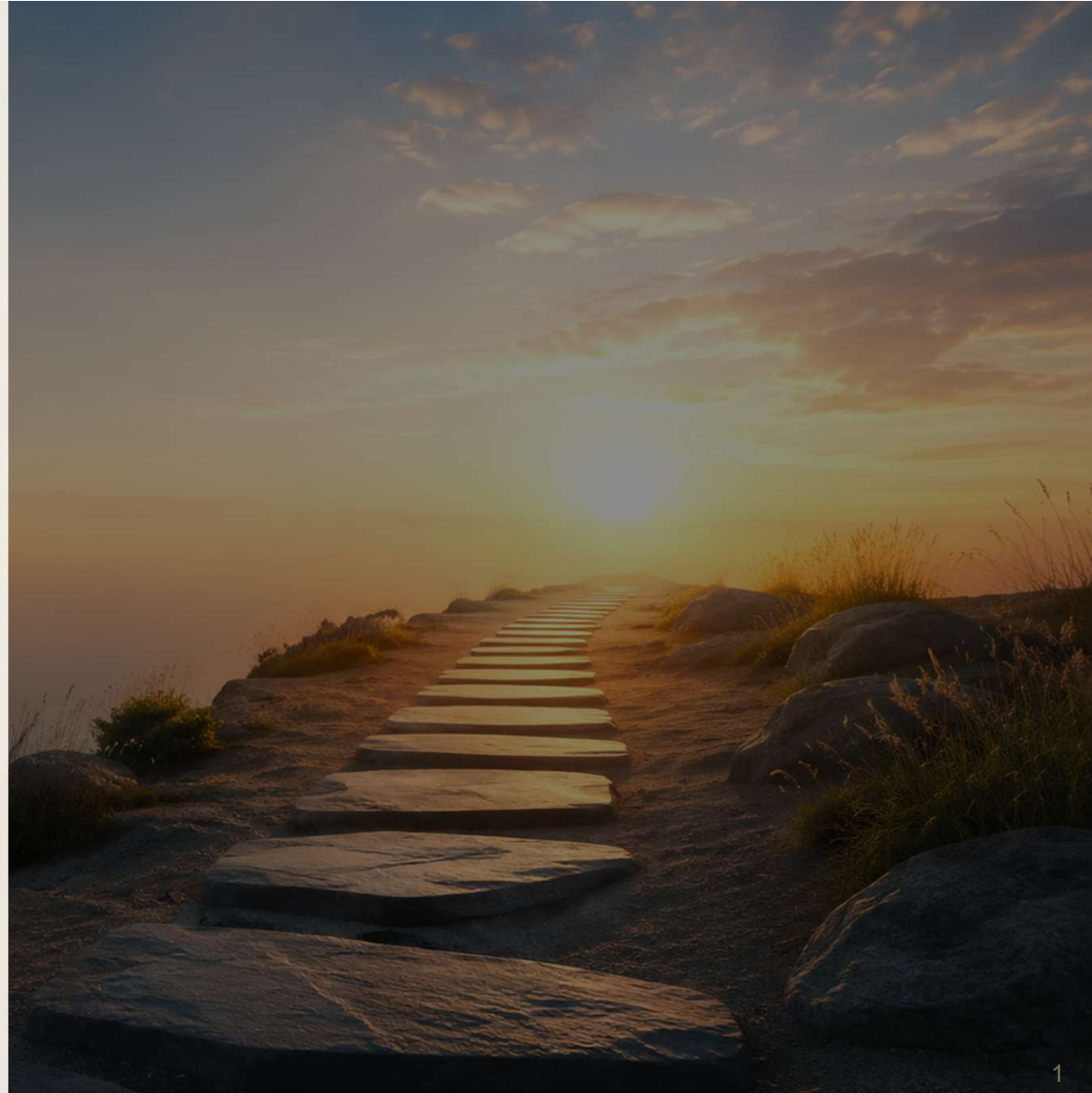


Habit 2

Begin With the End in Mind

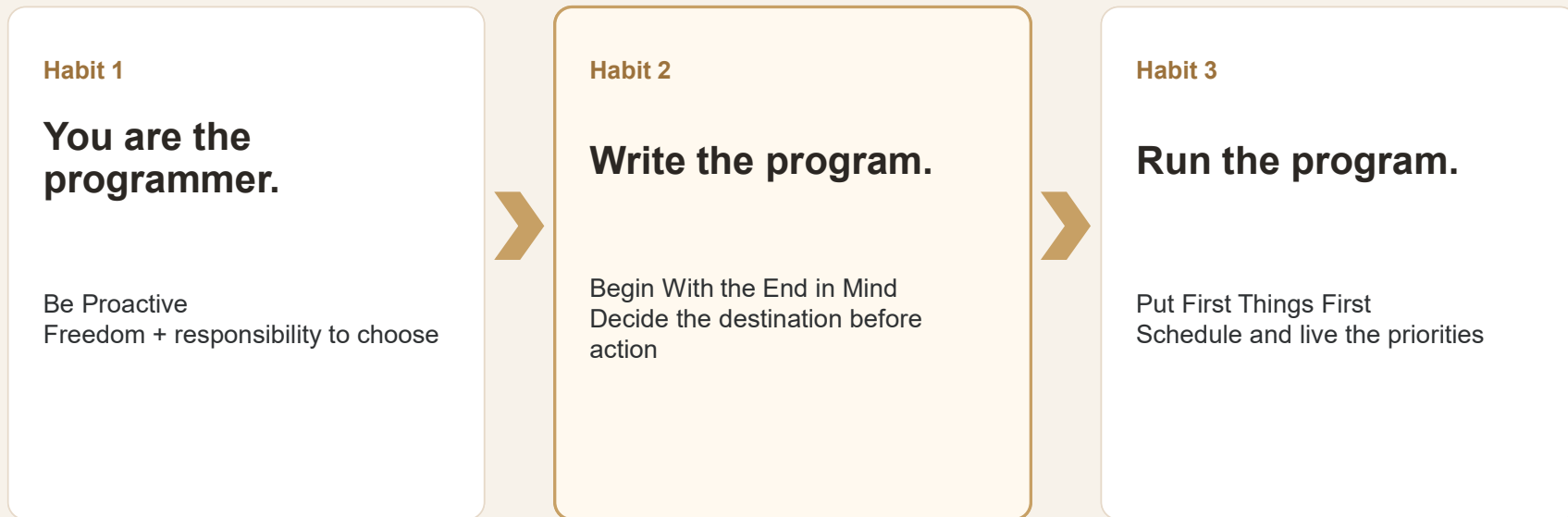
Principles of Personal Leadership

The 7 Habits of Kingdom Leaders



Where Habit 2 Fits

Keep the recap brief: Habit 1 was already taught.



Habit 1 gives us choice. Habit 2 gives those choices direction.

The Big Idea

Every effective life is led before it is managed.

Begin today with a clear picture of the destination.



Why it matters

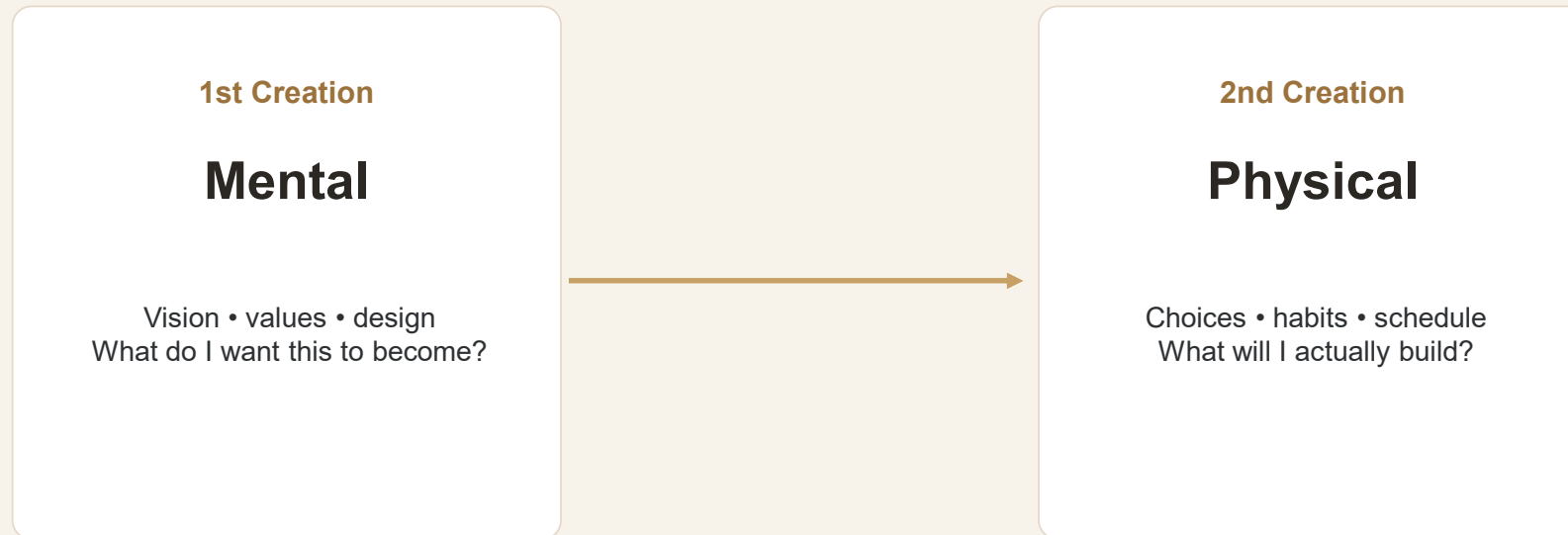
If we do not define the end, life will define it for us. We can live by design, or we can drift by default.

Kingdom leadership lens

We are not merely trying to get busier or more productive. We are becoming faithful stewards of calling, character, contribution, and influence.

The Principle of Two Creations

Everything is created twice: first mentally, then physically.



**Habit 2 lives in the first creation.
Habit 3 moves into the second creation.**

Leadership Before Management

Management asks "How fast?" Leadership asks "Which way?"

Management

Planning, organizing, scheduling, executing, and doing things right.

Leadership

Clarifying the mission, choosing the destination, and doing the right things.



**Before I climb the ladder,
I need to know where it is
leaning.**

Habit 2 is personal leadership.

Two Legacy Questions

Habit 2 moves us from activity to intentional contribution.

CHARACTER

Who do I want to become?

Integrity • love • courage • faithfulness • humility • discipline

CONTRIBUTION

What do I want to give?

Family • ministry • work • community • discipleship • service

The goal is not simply a busier life. The goal is a faithful life.

ASSIGNMENT 1

Attend Your Own Funeral

Imagine your legacy from the end backward.

Write what you would want others to truthfully say about your character and contribution.

**This is not about death.
It is about living on purpose.**

Assignment 1 Prompts

What would you hope each group would say?

Family

“They loved well and led with integrity.”

Friends

“They were faithful, present, and encouraging.”

Church family

“They served God’s purpose with humility and courage.”

Work / business

“They brought excellence, wisdom, and trust.”

Community

“Their life made others better.”

Write in first person: “I want to be remembered as someone who...”

From Legacy to Vision

The assignment becomes raw material for a personal vision statement.

1

Name the themes

What words keep repeating? Faith, family, courage, service, wisdom?

2

Identify the principles

What must guide your decisions if that legacy is going to be true?

3

Write the direction

Turn the reflection into a clear statement of who you are becoming.



Reflection
becomes
direction.

Write Your Personal Vision Statement

Use this starter:

“By God’s grace, I am becoming a person who...

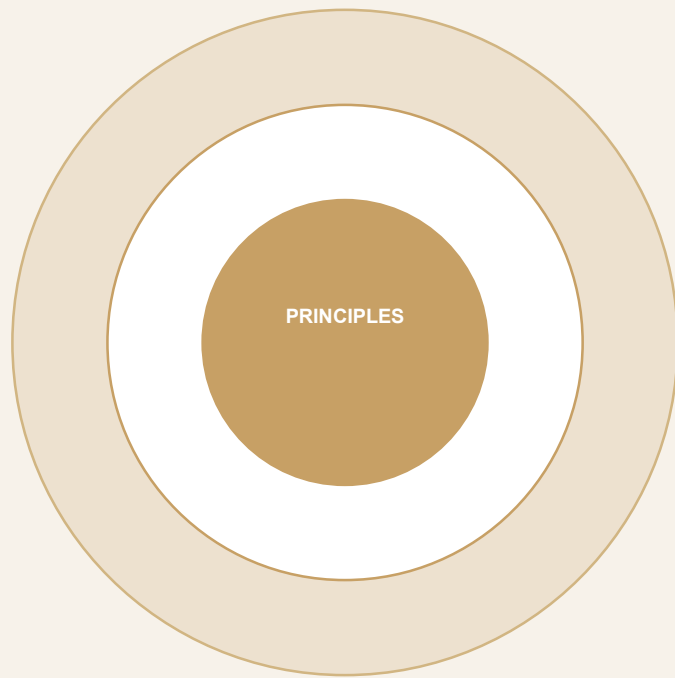
I will use my gifts to...

I will be guided by these principles...”

Bring this into Habit 3: roles, goals, and weekly priorities.

Principle-Centered Living

A vision statement needs a stable center.



Alternative centers shift

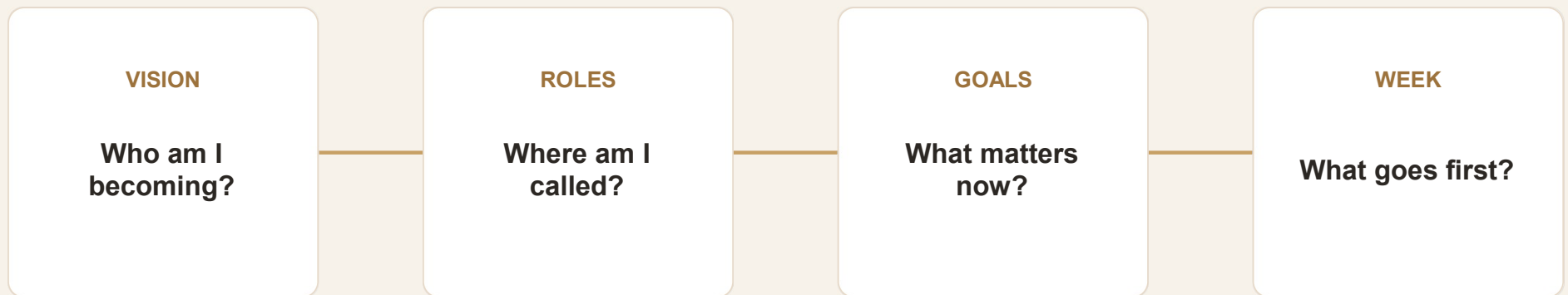
Money, work, pleasure, possessions, approval, or even good relationships can become unstable centers when they become ultimate.

Principles steady the life

Truth, integrity, stewardship, love, service, and faithfulness help guide decisions across every role.

Bridge to Habit 3

Vision has to become scheduled faithfulness.



Habit 2 identifies what matters most. Habit 3 teaches us to put first things first.

Begin With the End in Mind

Decide the destination before the schedule decides for you.

Reflect

Attend your own funeral assignment

Write

Draft your personal vision statement

Prepare

Bring it into Habit 3 next session