

Every few months, I compile a list of articles or videos that had an impact on the way I see the world, think about the future, relate to others. In Tony's Top Reads, I like to share some of these tasty morsels that brought me clarity, perspective or joy. MORE WISDOM in LESS TIME.

TIM KELLER: GROWING MY FAITH IN THE FACE OF DEATH

Tim Keller, ordained Presbyterian minister in 1975, spent a good part of his life ministering to dying people about the role of faith in the face of imminent death. Shortly after publishing a small book called "On Death," he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Was he prepared? Would he be able to take my own advice? Great read. Dive in.

THE HATBORO BLUES

We've all heard about the opioid crisis, mostly from distant, grim, death statistics and news of massive legal settlements from pharmaceutical companies. This article reads like a mini-novel, transporting you to a middle class suburb of Philadelphia where addiction and death are far too common. It helped me understand this drug pandemic from the ground level. It's a sadly engrossing read. Again... feel free to pass this on to the young people in your life as a warning against falling into this deadly addiction.

HARVARD-TRAINED ECONOMIST SHARES 21 MONEY RULES

I'm partial to Lawrence Kotlikoff, a professor of Economics at my alma mater, Boston University. He's got a Ph.D. from Harvard to boot. Kotlikoff says... "We all want money — some of us dangerously so." Thankfully, there are simple and powerful strategies designed to accumulate wealth without gambling your hard-earned savings. Having guiding principles at hand can help you manage your money and achieve financial security. Read this and spread the financial love by sharing it, with those that want more money...the right way.

PROS AND CONS OF DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

This is one of my favorite charitable "tools in the toolbox." My wife and I put money into a Donor Advised Fund every month, automatically. Those that use Donor Advised Funds benefit from a pool of wealth to bless others, along with other great benefits. We have a one page summary of how these work. *If you want it, just email tony@pmwmg.com and type DAF.*

FREEDOM IN AN AGE OF FEAR BY ABIGAIL SHRIER

Abigail Shrier was invited to give a "conservative" speech at Princeton. This being a college campus in 2021, you can imagine what happened next. The event was moved off campus. It was limited to 35 people. And the police were called in because of threats. But despite the limited audience, Shrier's message that night was loud and clear. Tell the truth. Speak your mind. Reclaim your freedom. It's a speech that deserves to be heard by as many people—especially young people—as possible. So today, I share it with all of you in the hopes that you'll pass it along.

A SUPER READER WHO GETS THROUGH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS A YEAR EXPLAINS HOW TO READ WAY MORE

Economist, blogger, and super reader Tyler Cowen's advice on how to get smarter by reading way more. How to get smarter isn't mysterious and it isn't complex. The answer has been the same for millennia. Read more!! The trick isn't in figuring out what you need to do—it's in actually managing to do it. Great tips for accumulating more wisdom through reading...IN LESS TIME. Do you have a reading goal this year? You should!

THE TEN SURPRISES OF 2022 BY BYRON WIEN AND JOE ZIDLE

I have eagerly awaited this publication every year, for the last 35 years. Byron R. Wien, Vice Chairman together with Joe Zidle, Chief Investment Strategist in the Private Wealth Solutions group at Blackstone, issue their list of the Ten Surprises of 2022. This is the 37th year Byron has given his views on a number of economic, financial market and political surprises for the coming year. It's fascinating, often correct, and points you like a laser to most of the critical issues. GOOD STUFF!

As always, please let us know if we can be a sounding board or second opinion for anyone important to you. We're at your service! — TP.

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