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Some Facts...

of worker check their emails constantly

6 weeks per year looking for information we already have

of time spent on activities which will have no impact long term





Most people have never been taught how to work!

















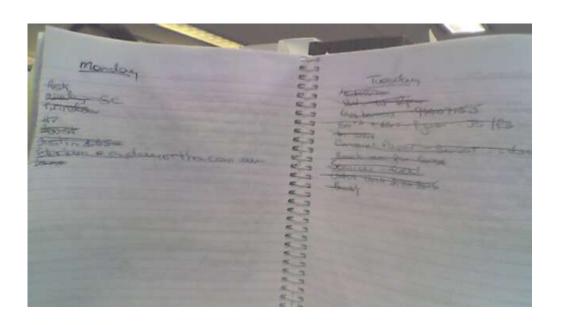


















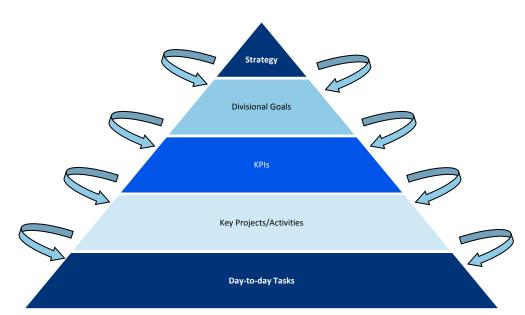






Execution – The GAP between Strategy & day-to-day Activities

Goals Time pressure Lack of clarity on goals Lack of focus on high impact activities **Actions**







And we wonder why 66% of Corporate Strategy is never executed!



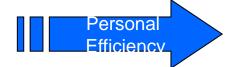


"70% of strategic failures come from poor execution of leadership; ...it's rarely for lack of smarts or visions"

Larry Bossidy – ex GE Exec and CEO Allied Signal Dr. Ram Charan – board and executive adviser







Do the things right - The "how"











Personal Efficiency Lack of Focus





Interruptions

- decide on the importance
- batch communications (speak to)
- non-interrupt time
- turn off mobile / divert phone
- turn off emails
- be aware and respectful





Distractions – Clear Your Mind

- write it down
- use collection tools
 - paper or electronic
 - mobile with you all the time
 - example: to do office / to do home / in transit
- focus on one task at a time
- clean desk policy





Personal Leadership



Personal Leadership - The Key to be Effective

- 1. Be clear on your goals and high impact activities
- 2. Make them a must
- 3. Take massive actions
- 4. Review and change if necessary



Goals



Think quarterly Be clear on your goals & HIA



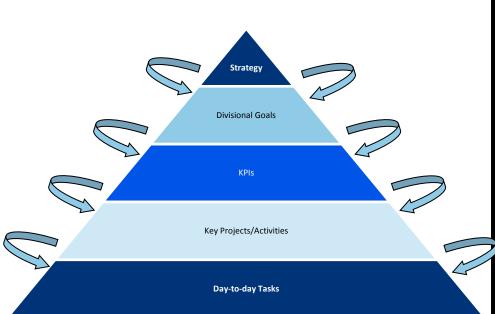
Plan weekly Make them a must



Act daily Take massive action





































What are the 2 or 3 projects / activities that if you did extremely well and did nothing else over the next 3 months would have a significant impact long term on your personal life?



Plan weekly

- Every Friday review and plan the following week
- Start with your big rocks in mind
 - review your compass plan / high impact projects
 - review your key projects plan
 - think of all the high impact activities
- Allocate each time slot to a project
 - book meetings with yourself
 - let me breathe
 - schedule unplanned / reactive time. be honest





For the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: "If today was the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?"

And whenever the answer has been "No" for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something...almost everything

all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure – these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important.

Steve Jobs CEO Apple Computer Stanford University Commencement, 2005





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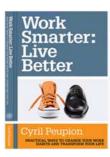
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