# QUOTES, QUIBBLE, QUESTION FROM THE COACHING 31 ST EDITION GUY

## WELCOME

This week is focused on the Art of mastering time in Leadership.

In the realm of leadership, the mastery of time is akin to wielding a double-edged sword. On one edge lies the necessity to manage one's personal time effectively, ensuring the space for critical thinking and strategic planning. On the other, it's about setting an example for the team, illustrating that leadership isn't merely about doing but rather about facilitating growth and success. Finding the equilibrium between these facets demands finesse and discipline, yet it's the hallmark of exceptional leadership.

# QUOTES

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." - Peter Drucker

"Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful." - Margaret J. Wheatley

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." - Michael Altshuler

"Time is the scarcest resource, and unless it is managed, nothing else can be managed." - Peter Drucker

# QUIBBLE

The journey towards this equilibrium begins with a fundamental understanding: time is the most valuable currency of leadership. A leader must carve out time for reflection and planning and this deliberate allocation of time is not a luxury but a necessity. It is the space where visions are crystallized, strategies are forged, and paths are charted amidst the tumultuous seas of uncertainty.

To achieve this balance, leaders must cultivate habits that safeguard their personal time. Whether it is through time-blocking techniques, delegation of tasks, or judicious prioritisation, the goal remains the same: to create sanctuaries of solitude where deep thinking thrives. In these moments of introspection, leaders can harness the power of their thoughts, untethered the daily demands.

Yet, true leadership extends beyond the confines of personal time management. It is about illuminating the path for others, guiding them towards collective success. Leaders must demonstrate that their role transcends mere action; it is about empowering others to flourish. This paradigm shifts from doing to facilitating fosters a culture of autonomy, innovation, and collaboration within the team.

Reflection serves as the compass that guides leadership, ensuring that every step taken is deliberate and purposeful. It is in the quiet moments of contemplation that profound insights emerge, illuminating the path towards greater efficacy and impact.

However, amidst the pursuit of mastery over time, a quibble often arises. Some may argue that the relentless pace of modern-day leadership leaves little room for introspection and contemplation. They may contend that the relentless pressure to deliver results eclipses the need for strategic thinking. Yet, it is precisely in these moments of chaos that the wisdom of deliberate time management shines brightest. By carving out pockets of tranquillity amidst the storm, leaders can navigate turbulent waters with clarity and purpose.

# QUESTION

How can you cultivate habits that prioritize reflection and strategic planning in a world that glorifies busyness?

Remember, true leadership is not measured by the volume of tasks accomplished but rather by the transformative impact you leave in your wake.

Try to block out 2-3 hours a week for yourself and 2-3 hours bi-weekly with your team collectively. The routine of constant review and championing change in the future, builds some of the foundations for a high performing team. To be clear this is not about the day to day, this is time for strategic thinking, challenge, and agreement.

If you are a person that is in the trenches with the team all of the time, you're not a leader you're a manager and even worse a micromanager. It is time to make the step change and facilitate the changes you want to see!

If you're looking for help in making time, being the leader that you want to be, and want to invest in a better future, book a free consultation call and within weeks you will start to see the impact.

## THANKS

For reading this week's newsletter.

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