Gaining Authenticity Through Intentional Leadership

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From Heroic to Post-Heroic





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« A leader is best when people barely know he exists; Then come those that people praise; Then those who are feared; And finally those that people despise. »



Lao Zi

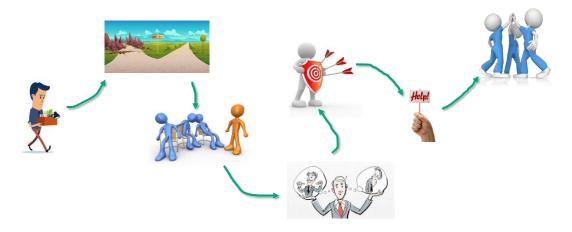
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Authenticity is the degree to which a person's actions are in line with her beliefs, despite external pressures to conformity

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The story of Glenn Maul



Source: American Recruiters. "A Story about Authentic Leadership; Learning the Hard Way," May 4, 2017.

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The story of Glenn Maul

In the story, we see ...

- Self-awareness
- Courage
- Vulnerability
- Empathy
- Influence
- Selflessness



And the benefits are ...

- Leader has gained influence
- Team is happier and higher performing
- Organization is better off



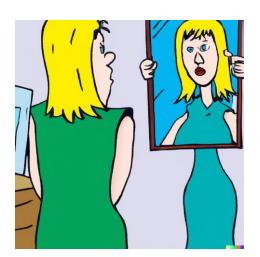
Remember a great leader you've met. Why do you remember her/him?

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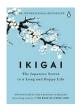
Before leading others, you must **lead yourself**.

Before leading yourself, you must **know yourself**.



Intentional leadership Mind your Ikigai!

Japanese term that roughly translates to "reason for being."



García, Héctor, and Francesc Miralles. Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life. New York: Penguin Life, 2017.

Image Source: Myers, Chris. "How To Find Your Ikigai And Transform Your Outlook On Life And Business." Forbes.



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Prioritize your personal values An intentional leadership practice



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Moving Motivator's ten motivators



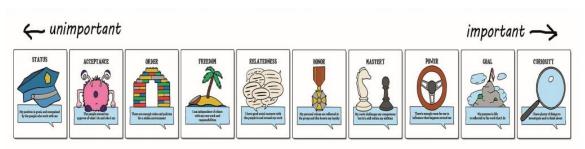
Curiosity	I have plenty of things to investigate and to think about
Honor	I feel proud that my personal values are reflected in how I work
Acceptance	The people around me approve of what I do and who I am
Mastery	My work challenges my competence but it is still within my abilities
Power	There's enough room for me to influence what happens around me
Freedom	I am independent of others with my work and my responsibilities
Relatedness	I have good social contacts with the people in my work
Order	There are enough rules and policies for a stable environment
Goal	My purpose in life is reflected in the work that I do
Status	My position is good, and recognized by the people who work with me

From Management 3.0 by Jurgen Appelo

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How to play Moving Motivators

Define which motivators are important to you. Place the cards in order from left (least important) to right (most important.)



Moving Motivators—Card game to reflect on employee's motivation. (2015, July 5). Plays-In-Business.

Take one minute to ...

Identify one instance where you behavior was biased



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Creative tension between reality and authenticity



People with a high level of **personal mastery** see current reality as an ally, not an enemy.

They have learned how to work with forces of change rather than resist those forces.

They feel as if they are part of a larger creative process, which they can influence but cannot unilaterally control.

Text adapted from Senge, P. M. (1990). The Fifth Discipline (1st edition). Doubleday Business.

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Self-management

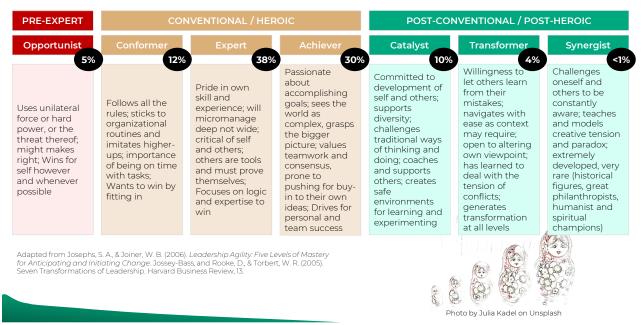
Self-management is our ability to manage our behaviors, thoughts, and emotions in a conscious and productive way

Develop personal responsibility
Self-regulate the expression of emotions
Set goals, personal journeys and boundaries
Manage stress
Maintain focus
Learn deliberately and use feedback

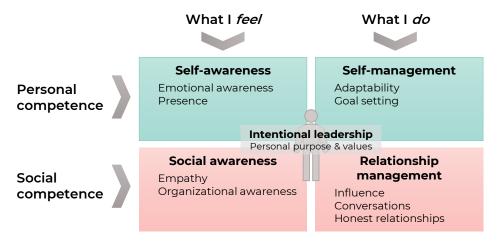
Adapted from "What Is Self-Management, and How Can You Improve It?", BetterUp

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Choose your leadership style intentionally



Intentional Leadership is Emotional Intelligence's North Star



Adapted from Goleman, Daniel, and Richard E. Boyatzis. "Emotional Intelligence Has 12 Elements. Which Do You Need to Work On?" Harvard Business Review, February 6, 2017; and Bradberry, Travis. "Emotional Intelligence - EQ." Forbes.

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If you want to make the most out of this workshop ...

- 1 Identify one learning that made you *think*
- What could you do/experiment to improve your intentional leadership?

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