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Welcome to your journey of transformation and growth with the Leadership Essentials Toolkit!

This toolkit is a finely crafted resource that is designed to guide emerging and existing leaders through a voyage of self-discovery, strategic planning, and effective leadership.

Loaded with assessments, reflection exercises, and action planning tools, it serves in fostering a leadership style that is both authentic and influential. Here's how to navigate through this toolkit to maximize its benefits:

## ROADMAP TO SUCCESS



**UNLOCK YOUR  
POTENTIAL**



**ROOT YOUR  
LEADERSHIP**



**CRAFT YOUR  
VISION**



**ACTION  
YOUR PLAN**



**FINE TUNE  
YOUR  
APPROACH**



**THRIVE & LEAD**

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# YOUR POTENTIAL

In this introductory phase of your leadership journey, we invite you to unveil the depths of your true self, where the kernels of your potential are ready to be nurtured into a powerful beacon of influence and inspiration.

This segment acts as your personal compass, leading you through an insightful voyage to discover your distinct leadership and personality traits. Utilizing tools like the Gallup StrengthsFinder, Positive Intelligence Saboteurs, and PQ assessments, we will pinpoint your strengths and growth areas. As you delve into these assessments, you will engage in a reflective dialogue to set the stage for your transformative journey.

Embrace this opportunity with a readiness to uncover the precious jewels of potential within you. This is your time to shine, merging your vision, passion, and inherent strengths to forge a path of remarkable and transformative success. Are you ready to embark on this vibrant leadership odyssey? The journey to realize and embrace your fullest potential begins now.

**Step into the brilliance that awaits!**

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## SUGGESTED ASSESSMENTS TO TAKE:

Please note that there is a fee to purchase the Gallup StrengthFinder assessment. It is free for She Means Business Clients. The other two assessments are free for anyone.

- Gallup StrengthFinder assessment
- Positive Intelligence Saboteurs assessment
- PQ assessment



# NAVIGATING YOUR LEADERSHIP LANDSCAPE

## SELF REFLECTION

How do the insights from the assessments align with your own perceptions of your leadership style? Which aspects resonate most deeply with you?

As you went through the assessments, were there any moments that triggered strong emotional responses, either positive or negative? What do these emotional responses reveal about your current state in your leadership journey?

Reflecting on the insights gained from the assessments, how do you feel about translating these insights into actionable steps in your leadership journey? Are there specific insights that you feel more drawn to, or perhaps resistant to, integrating into your personal or professional life?



## CURRENT LEADERSHIP LANDSCAPE

What are the current leadership and management challenges you are facing?

Note: Possible areas to consider: team dynamics, decision-making, strategic planning, etc.

Are there any personality traits you believe are hindering your leadership growth?

Note: Think about traits that might be coming up in the assessments or traits you have observed in your daily activities.

How would you rate your current communication skills, and what areas would you like to improve?

Note: Consider areas such as what past or current team member have evaluated your communication skills.



## LEADERSHIP GOALS

What aspects of leadership are you most interested in developing?

Note: Potential aspects: communication skills, strategic thinking, team motivation, etc.

What leadership styles resonate most with you, and why?

Note: Think about leadership strategies you've observed in others that you'd like to adopt.

How do you perceive your current influence on your team or within your organization, and how would you like this to evolve over time?

Note: Consider areas such as team morale, productivity, innovation, and organizational culture.



# YOUR LEADERSHIP

In the vibrant journey of leadership, your core values serve as the deep roots that ground you, providing stability, guidance, and nourishment. These are the principles that not only define who you are but also steer your decision-making process, influence your reactions, and shape your visions and goals.

As you navigate the dynamic terrains of leadership, having clearly defined core values will serve as a beacon, helping you stay aligned with your true self amidst the flux of professional challenges and developments. It's akin to having a compass in the wilderness, guiding your steps with wisdom and foresight.

In this section, we invite you to delve deep into the soil of your being, to explore, identify, and nurture the values that resonate with you profoundly. By anchoring your leadership in these values, you foster a style that is authentic, resilient, and influential, paving the way for a leadership journey that is both rewarding and aligned with your inner truth.

# DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONAL VALUES

As you approach the values worksheet, allow yourself to step into a space of introspection and openness. Consider this exercise as a gentle excavation, unearthing the gems that lie within your core.

You might find values that have always been evident in your life, as well as discover new facets that resonate with your current state of growth and aspirations.

**Here are a few tips to keep in mind:**

1. **Honesty is Key:** Be truthful with yourself. This is your journey, and authenticity will be your greatest ally.
2. **Patience:** Allow yourself the space to ponder, to feel, and to shift perspectives as needed.
3. **Flexibility:** Your values can evolve over time. This worksheet is not static but a living document that can adapt as you grow in your leadership journey.
4. **Open-Mindedness:** Embark on this enriching journey with a spirit of exploration and curiosity. Your values are your guiding stars, helping you lead with authenticity, conviction, and grace.

**Ready to root your leadership in rich, fertile soil? Let's begin!**





## BRAINSTORMING YOUR VALUES

Take a few moments to think about moments in your life when you felt truly happy, satisfied, and fulfilled: What were you doing, and what made those experiences so meaningful?

Consider situations where you felt proud and confident in yourself: What values were being expressed or honored in those moments?

Reflect on times when you felt most in alignment with yourself and authentic: What were the underlying values that you were honoring during those times?

Think about the people you admire and respect: What qualities do they possess? What values do you believe they live by?



## IDENTIFYING YOUR CORE VALUES

Review the list of common values below and circle those that resonate with you the most. Feel free to add any other values not listed.

|                                |                 |              |              |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Love                           | Integrity       | Growth       | Family       | Happiness       |
| Health                         | Connection      | Success      | Independence | Creativity      |
| Gratitude                      | Responsibility  | Courage      | Respect      | Knowledge       |
| Adventure                      | Balance         | Empathy      | Loyalty      | Security        |
| Freedom                        | Compassion      | Honesty      | Authenticity | Empowerment     |
| Trustworthiness                | Justice         | Spirituality | Generosity   | Open-mindedness |
| Resilience                     | Humility        | Patience     | Peace        | Innovation      |
| Environmental<br>Consciousness | Determination   | Ambition     | Equality     | Positivity      |
| Mindfulness                    | Collaboration   | Leadership   | Tolerance    | Tactfulness     |
| Discipline                     | Self-Reflection | Adaptability | Graciousness | Purpose         |

From the circled values, try to narrow down your list to the top 5-7 values that feel most significant to you. These are your core values.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CORE VALUES

For each of your core values, write a brief description of what it means to you personally.

**Core Value 1:**

**Description:**

**Core Value 2:**

**Description:**

**Core Value 3:**

**Description:**

**Core Value 4:**

**Description:**

**Core Value 5:**

**Description:**

**Core Value 6:**

**Description:**

**Core Value 7:**

**Description:**



## INTEGRATING YOUR CORE VALUES

For each of your core values, write a brief description of what it means to you personally.

Are you living in a way that reflects and honors these values? If not, identify areas where you can make adjustments.

Consider the goals and aspirations you have for your life. How can you ensure that they are in harmony with your core values? What changes or choices might you need to make?



## LIVING YOUR VALUES

List three actionable steps you can take to integrate your core values more intentionally into your daily life. These could be small changes or bigger commitments, but they should reflect your desire to live in alignment with what truly matters to you.

**Action Step 1:**

**Action Step 2:**

**Action Step 3:**

Understanding your personal values is an ongoing process. Review this worksheet regularly to reassess and reaffirm your core values as you grow and evolve. By living in alignment with your values, you can create a more meaningful and fulfilling life.



# YOUR VISION

Embarking on a leadership journey is akin to setting sail across an expansive, ever-changing sea. To navigate through the waves of challenges and opportunities, a clear, compelling vision serves as your North Star, illuminating your path and keeping your journey purposeful and directed. Your vision is more than a destination; it's the embodiment of your aspirations, the framework of your legacy, and the beacon that lights up the path of those who follow you.

Remember, your vision is both a guiding light and a source of inspiration. It's a vibrant tapestry woven with threads of your experiences, insights, and aspirations. As you craft your vision, you are not just plotting a course for your future, but you are also igniting a flame that has the potential to light up many paths, fostering growth, innovation, and positive change.

- **Dream Boldly:** Allow yourself to envision a future where you are operating at your fullest potential, influencing change, and leaving a mark.
- **Focus on Impact:** Reflect on the tangible impact you wish to create in your organization, community, or industry.
- **Align with Values:** Ensure that your vision aligns seamlessly with your core values, creating a synergy that fuels authentic leadership.
- **Embrace Fluidity:** Recognize that visions can evolve. As you grow and learn, your vision might adapt, taking on new dimensions and depths.

**Ready to craft a vision that resonates, inspires, and transforms? Your canvas awaits, and the palette is rich with possibilities. Let's begin this exhilarating journey!**

# CRAFTING YOUR VISION

Welcome to your personal workshop, where dreams take shape and potential is harnessed. Crafting your vision is a crucial step in forging a fulfilling and impactful leadership path. Let's dive deep and craft a vision that is both aspirational and achievable, aligning with your core values and propelling you towards a leadership legacy that truly resonates.

## Instructions:

1. **Find a Quiet Space:** Choose a quiet and comfortable space where you can think without interruptions.
2. **Mindset:** Approach this exercise with an open mind and a willing heart, ready to explore the vast horizons of possibility.
3. **Reflection:** Give yourself the time to reflect deeply on each question before penning down your thoughts.
4. **Visual Imagery:** Feel free to use vivid, descriptive language that paints a clear picture of your envisioned future.



## BRAINSTORMING YOUR VISION

In this section is a brainstorming exercise designed to illuminate the contours of your life's path. Dive deep into not only your individual dreams but also the overarching objectives that shape both personal growth and professional success. Let your thoughts flow freely, capturing the essence of your aspirations. You will craft your vision statement in the next section.

What are the top 3-5 accomplishments you are most proud of in your life (personal, professional or both) so far?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

What activities or thoughts make you feel most alive or fulfilled?

Reflect on a time when you faced a significant challenge or setback. What did you learn about yourself, and how has that experience shaped your values or perspective on life?





## BRAINSTORMING YOUR VISION

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Consider both personal and professional aspects.

Personal:

Professional:

What would an ideal day in your life look like in 5 years? Be as descriptive as possible from the moment you wake up to when you go to sleep.

What are the top three personal and profession goals you'd like to achieve in the next 5 years? (Think BIG!)



## LONG-TERM VISION

In this section, delve deep to construct a robust and inspirational vision for your leadership journey. Consider the brainstorming exercise from the previous page, both your personal aspirations and the broader goals that will foster organizational growth and development.

**Vision Statement:** Craft a vision statement that encapsulates your leadership goals for the next 5-10 years.

**Alignment with Personal Values:** Explain how this vision is aligned with your personal values and principles.

**Key Milestones:** Identify the key milestones to achieving this vision. How will these milestones help in fostering personal and organizational growth?

## PILLARS OF YOUR VISION

Identify and describe 3-5 key pillars that will support your leadership vision. These could be specific areas of focus, principles, or goals that are central to your vision.

**Pillar 1:**

**Pillar 2:**

**Pillar 3:**

**Pillar 4:**

**Pillar 5:**



## ACTION

# YOUR PLAN

Welcome to the dynamic phase of your leadership journey where dreams begin to crystallize into reality, and visions find their footing in tangible actions. As a leader, your plans are the bridges between your current state and the vivid picture of success and impact you have envisioned in the "Craft Your Vision" section.

In this crucial stage, you are encouraged to approach planning with a balance of ambition and realism. Crafting actionable steps that are not only aspirational but also grounded in practicality will be your key to fostering sustained progress. Remember, a well-laid plan is your trusted roadmap, guiding you steadily towards your leadership pinnacle, fostering growth, and carving out a legacy of influence and positive change.

As you venture into this section, we invite you to:

- **Embrace Detailing:** Dive into the nuances, breaking down your grand vision into actionable steps, each leading you a step closer to your goal.
- **Adopt a SMART Approach:** Structure your action items to be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound, fostering focused and effective progression.
- **Prepare for Challenges:** Identify potential roadblocks and devise strategies to navigate them, fostering resilience and adaptability in your leadership journey.
- **Celebrate Milestones:** Acknowledge and celebrate the milestones you achieve along the way, using them as fuel to propel you forward with renewed vigor.

**Ready to turn your visionary canvas into a masterpiece of action, influence, and impact? Your path to action and realization begins here!**

## DEVELOPING YOUR ACTION PLAN

Identify and describe 3-5 actions that will support your leadership vision. If you run into any questions on what actions to take, refer to the action matrix on the next page.

**Action 1:**

**Action 2:**

**Action 3:**

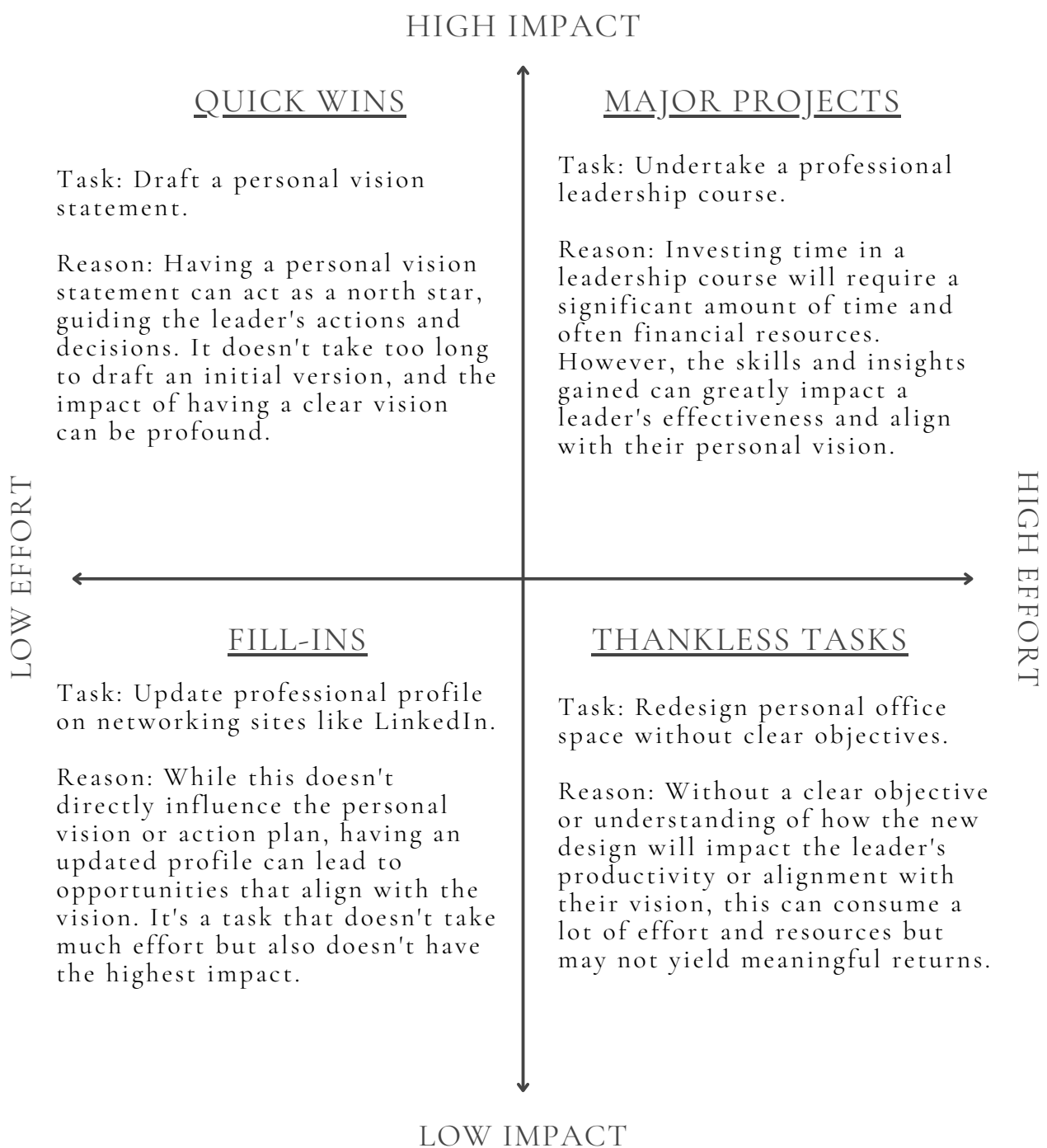
**Action 4:**

**Action 5:**

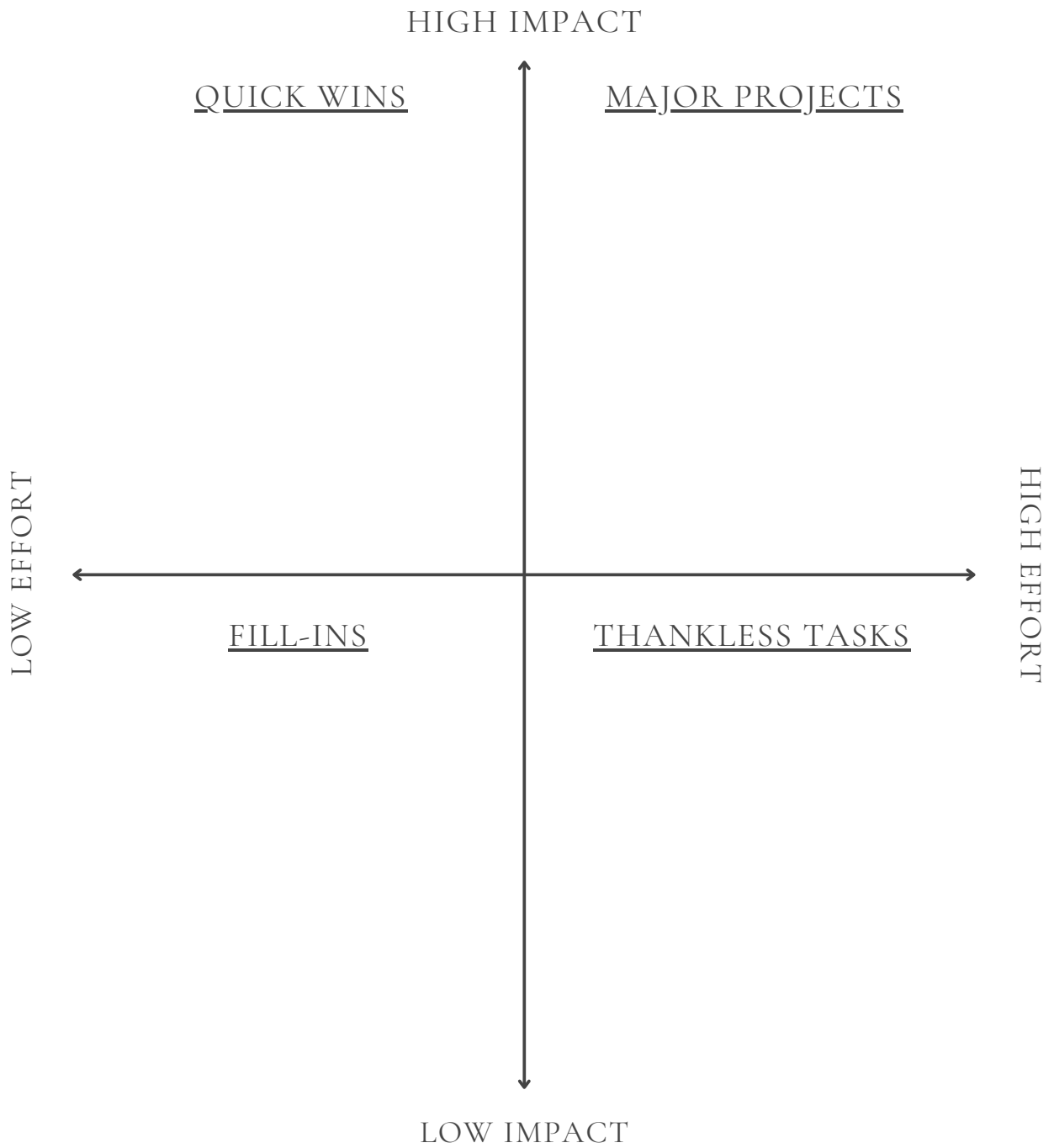


## ACTION PRIORITY MATRIX

The action priority matrix is a great way to visualize what tasks take priority over others, and how to best allocate your time towards them. Think of projects as activities that you are undertaking to achieve your larger goals like developing a new skill, learning new skills, etc.). See the example below to give an idea and then complete your own on the next page.



# ACTION PRIORITY MATRIX



## DEFINE YOUR GOALS

Welcome to the pivotal stage where your leadership vision starts to take a definitive, actionable shape. Take the actions you identified above to create SMART Goals - a structured roadmap that delineates each step of your journey with clarity, purpose, and feasibility. These goals will translate your broad strokes of aspirations into a finely detailed blueprint.

Use the worksheet below to support in creating very clear and accurate goals around your actions.

GOAL:

WHAT WILL THIS GIVE YOU?

AND WHAT WILL THIS GIVE YOU?

AND WHAT WILL THIS GIVE YOU?

AND WHAT WILL THIS GIVE YOU?

SO, WHY IS THIS GOAL IMPORTANT?



## PUTTING YOUR GOALS INTO ACTION

SMART goals are more than just targets; they are powerful beacons that guide your trajectory with precision, ensuring that your energy and efforts are channeled towards fruitful outcomes. These goals stand as markers of success, milestones that keep you motivated, aligned, and on track to achieve the grand vision you have envisioned for yourself.

Complete the below with the goals detailed above.

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| S | <u>SPECIFIC</u><br>WHAT DO I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?              |  |
| M | <u>MEASURABLE</u><br>HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN IT IS ACCOMPLISHED? |  |
| A | <u>ACHIEVABLE</u><br>HOW CAN THE GOAL BE ACCOMPLISHED?        |  |
| R | <u>RELEVANT</u><br>DOES THIS SEEM WORTHWHILE?                 |  |
| T | <u>TIME BOUND</u><br>WHEN CAN I ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL?         |  |



## MONITOR & EVALUATE YOUR GOALS

Describe how you will monitor the progress of your action plan. This could involve regular meetings, reports, or other methods.

Detail the criteria that will be used to evaluate the success of the action plan. This could be based on the achievement of milestones, the quality of outputs, or other criteria.



## FINE-TUNE

# YOUR APPROACH

As you navigate through this vibrant section, anticipate a journey of deep introspection and skill refinement. The Leadership Mastery Toolkit is designed to be your steadfast companion, offering an array of tailored tools that foster nuanced understanding, agility in decision-making, and a profound influence that resonates far and wide. From refining your personal leadership style to nurturing a team dynamic that thrives on synergy and harmony, this toolkit is your gateway to a realm of mastery and excellence.

In this enriching phase, we encourage you to:

- **Explore with Curiosity:** Dive into each tool with an open heart and a curious mind, ready to uncover the facets of leadership that resonate deeply with your personal style and vision.
- **Embrace Adaptability:** Learn to fluidly adapt your approach, utilizing the tools to navigate the ever-changing landscape of leadership with grace and efficacy.
- **Foster Harmony:** Employ the tools to cultivate a team environment that thrives on mutual respect, collaboration, and shared success.
- **Seek Continuous Growth:** Use this toolkit as a springboard for continuous growth, a resource that fuels your journey towards becoming a beacon of inspiration and a true master of leadership.

Are you ready to transcend the boundaries of conventional leadership and step into a realm where mastery meets innovation and influence?

**The journey to fine-tuning your approach begins here, ushering you into a future where your leadership becomes a beacon of excellence, inspiration, and positive change.**



## MASTERING THE ART OF COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION

Describe your current communication style. How has it evolved?

Think about the ways that you would like to improve or enhance your communication in both personal and professional settings.

Describe a recent instance where active listening made a significant difference in a conversation.

List the ways that you can engage your team or people around you to receive and utilize feedback to enhance communication.



## FOSTERING COLLABORATION

Analyze the current state of collaboration in your team. What are the strengths and areas for improvement?

Describe how cross-functional collaborations can be fostered in your team.

List strategies you can use to navigate and resolve conflicts that arise during collaborations.

What strategies will you employ to enhance how you communicate with your team.



## TEAM DYNAMICS

Evaluate the current dynamics of your team. What elements contribute to its cohesiveness?

Describe how you can foster inclusivity to build a more cohesive team.

List team-building activities that could help enhance cohesion and unity within your team.

What strategies will you employ to enhance collaboration within your team.

# THRIVE AND LEAD

Throughout your journey, you have explored the depths of your potential, forged visionary paths, and fine-tuned your approach to embody a leader who not only inspires but thrives amidst challenges. Now, it's time to synthesize all that wisdom and learning to craft a leadership blueprint that is resilient, vibrant, and transformative.

In this section, you will learn to seamlessly integrate your vision, values, goals, refined communication skills, collaborative strategies, and cohesive team-building insights into a harmonious and impactful leadership style. It's here where you will cultivate the capacity to lead with grace, fostering a work environment that is not just productive but also nurturing and fulfilling.

But remember, leadership is not a destination but a continual journey of growth and learning. As you navigate through this section, approach each module as both a leader and a learner, ready to adapt and evolve in the dynamic landscape of leadership.

So gear up to weave your narrative of leadership excellence, where every lesson converges to create a tapestry of positive influence and impactful leadership. Ready to transcend and lead in a manner that not only achieves goals but also nurtures potentials and fosters innovation? Your blueprint to leadership excellence awaits!

**Let's step forth, ready to thrive and lead with renewed vigor and vision. Your transformative leadership journey begins now!**

## REFLECTION

How have you grown personally during this journey? Identify specific areas where you noticed significant development.

What leadership skills have you enhanced or developed? How do these skills translate into your day-to-day leadership role?

How has your vision for your leadership role evolved? What are the key insights that have shaped this vision?

Reflect on the changes in your team dynamics. How have the strategies and insights from the toolkit contributed to fostering a cohesive team?.





## YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY CANVAS

Using the space below, create a visual representation that encapsulates your leadership journey. It could be a mind map, a flowchart, or a series of interconnected circles representing various aspects such as core values, strategic vision, communication skills, and collaborative efforts. Feel free to be as creative as you want in this space, integrating colors, shapes, or symbols that resonate with your journey.



## BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

Based on your visual representation and reflections, craft a succinct narrative that encapsulates your evolving leadership journey. This narrative will serve as a beacon, guiding you as you step forward, ready to thrive and lead with renewed insight and vigor.

## NEXT STEPS

Identify actionable steps that you plan to take in the near future to continue fostering your growth as a thriving leader.



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