

HOW TO LOVE YOUR CRAFT WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND

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Agenda

- *We'll discuss how alignment w/core values and numerous strategies can help you **engineer fulfilment** in both **professional and personal realms**.*
- *People working in healthcare by and large entered their respective fields because they loved it and wanted to help people.*
 - *However, given myriad systemic factors, professionals ubiquitously feel like they must choose between their craft and their well being or their life outside of work.*

How are we going to do this!?!

- Intentionality – both personally & professionally! (work-life integration vs balance)
 - Part 1
 - Who/What's important → “Start with the end in mind”
 - Part 2
 - Engineer work & life → “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”
- Take notes!!!
 - *Identify what you are already doing
 - *Add in low hanging fruit
 - *Add in strategies w/strong alignment
 - *Add in strategies w/high return on investment (ROI)
 - Chip away a little at time



WHO & WHAT'S IMPORTANT

PART ONE – START WITH THE END IN MIND!



Values / "Who & What matters" 1-2

- Who's done a values inventory?
- Where? Which ones? Was it helpful? When was the last time?
 - VLQ by Kelly Wilson
 - MI Personal Values Card Sort

Contextual Interview

Love – Work – Play

- **Living situation**
- **Relationship status**
- **Inner Circle**
 - **Family/Friends**
- **Belief System**
- **Work/School/Income**
- **Fun**

VALUES WORK
ISN'T JUST FOR
PATIENTS/
CLIENTS¹⁰

What's "success" look like?
What would we find you
doing or what do you want
to be doing? (think
SMART)

ENGINEERING YOUR LIFE & WORK

PART TWO – AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE

Thinking about your “work life” ...

What gives you the “warm & fuzzies?”

When do you feel most aligned?

When you feel like you’re in ‘flow’?

What is the context when you feel like you are really doing what you set out to do?



*Love/Loathe List by Marcus Buckingham¹¹



- Blank piece of paper and draw a line down the middle
- One column: “Loved It” & other column “Loathed It”
- For the next week pay attention to your job tasks/activities
 - When you do an activity where you feel love → write it down
 - E.g., you look forward to it, time flies, you’re in flow, you’re energized
 - When you feel an aversion to activity → write it down
 - E.g., you procrastinate, push it off, time drags on
- Doesn’t have to be 100%! Mayo study for just 20% for physicians led to far lower burn out
- 5 min video by Marcus Buckingham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knxVp4u8fGA&t=16s>
 - “They didn’t find it...they built it”

A person wearing a blue jacket and a backpack is hiking away from the camera on a snowy trail. The trail is surrounded by dry, brownish vegetation and some bare trees. The background shows a hilly landscape under a clear sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue filter.

NOW THAT WE KNOW WHERE WE ARE HEADED...

How do we get there?

Engineering your life!

- How long did it take to learn your craft? Time/energy/investment put into the content of your specialty/profession?
- Now, how much time have you put into learning how to...
 - Manage your schedule
 - Manage your work tasks
 - Identifying the main things in your role
 - Learning how to adult
 - Manage who & what matters to you
- These strategies can be helpful for both personal & professional



If there's a topic you're struggling with...

- 99.9% chance someone's already done a deep dive on this for you...that's where reading becomes so crucial
- AI?





Engineering your Life & Work

- This is a skillset
 - *Don't be unlucky
 - *Be the 10%
- Strategies
 - Stimulus Control
 - Time blocking
 - Journaling
 - Expressing gratitude
 - Rest
 - Other tips/tricks

Engineering your life: Practical strategies

- **Stimulus control**^{12,13,17,18}
 - Only doing work in certain locations
 - Playlists for productivity
 - Remove work email from your phone
 - Multitasking doesn't work...no matter what your brain says
 - How else can you do to remove distractions?
- **Timing/Time blocking & Use of Calendars, Planners, etc.**
 - What calendar do you use? Planner? Identify this...
 - Dave's suggestion – *The High Performance Planner*²⁰
 - Planning
 - Schedule what you are going to do in time blocks¹⁸
 - *Working in 90 minute blocks – no longer
 - Identify (either night before or in the AM) top 3 things that are the best ROI for your main goals
 - Replace to do list w/ a "Done List"¹⁷
 - When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing¹²
 - *Deep work in the AM
 - Nap/reset in the afternoon
 - Bump in the evening



Engineering your life: Practical strategies

- Journaling²⁰
 - Goal tracking (personal & professional)
 - Tracking gratitude / “wins” (personal & professional)
- Expressing love / gratitude²²
 - Thank you / gratitude cards (personal & professional)
 - Don't let gratitude die w/you
 - Be specific!
- Rest¹⁹
 - Really only get about 4-6 hours of sustained attention/deep work done per day
 - Being intentional in the morning
 - Nap in the afternoon, about 20 min, drink caffeine before nap
 - Sleep is paramount
 - Exercise
 - Outside if you can¹⁴
 - Deep play
 - Do something that challenges you for hobbies (free of work)
 - Planning/Engineering your PTO!!!!
 - Importance of social connection¹⁶

Recommended Readings¹¹⁻²²

- Anything by Brene Brown
- Indistractable by Nir Eyal, Julie Li
- Nine Lies About Work by Marcus Buckingham & Ashley Goodall
- The One Thing by Gary Keller, Jay Papasan
- Anything by Jim Rohn
- Essentialism & Effortless – Greg McKeown
- Stand and Deliver by Dale Carnegie
- Off Balance by Matthew Kelly
- The Compound Effect by Darren Hardy
- Love + Work by Marcus Buckingham
- The Busy Leader's Handbook by Quint Studer
- The 80/20 Principle & 92 Other Powerful Laws of Nature by Richard Koch
- Rest by Alex Soojung-Kim Pang
- When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing by Daniel H. Pink



**ENGINEERING YOUR LIFE:
LET'S GET SPECIFIC... WHAT WILL YOU
TRY? (2 TAKEAWAYS)**

As we end...

- Remember, start with the end in mind and the value
- Engineer the experience to produce connection to those values
- Many practical suggestions out there...
 - Don't accept premises
 - Be just as intentional with your personal life as you are with your professional
 - Be the 10%
 - If struggling, know, someone else most likely has done a deep dive... read!
- And, keep iterating, keep evolving, keep progressing...
- Be kind, be compassion, and, above all, be love...



Thank you!

- For coming on this journey with us!
- We are so very grateful!

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