

# One Step at a Time: Working through Procrastination

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Learning Objectives

• Determine for you whether it is a symptom or a cause

Have a plan for overcoming your procrastination



My evil genius (demon)

Procrastination

has whispered

me to tarry

'till a more convenient season

Mary Todd Lincoln



"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I'll spend the first four sharpening the axe."



Abraham Lincoln



## **PROCRASTINATION**

## PROBLEM OR CHALLENGE

THAT BRINGS ABOUT

Stress and Guilt

AND MAKES LIFE MORE

Complicated

THAN IT SHOULD BE



#### 10 Most Used Excuse RoadBlocks

- Think This Through
  - Having Fun
    - Need to Get Organized
      - Too Hard
        - Not in the Mood
          - I'll Start Tomorrow
            - Other Things That Need To Get Done First
              - Too Tired Right Now
                - Plenty of Time





# Work Best Under Pressure





- Things That Stop Us Along The Way
  - Fear of Failure
    - Fear of Success
      - Fear of Losing
        - All or Nothing Attitude
  - Success should be Effortless
    - High Standards
      - Negative Self-Talk
        - Relationship Conflicts
  - Too Many Projects





# Resulting Consequences

- Loss of Trust
  - Constant Anxiety
    - Guilt
      - Missed Opportunities
        - Strained Relationships
          - Erosion of Self-Confidence
            - Sink Deeper into the Problem





What is the Plan – How Do We Get Started

### 1.Be Honest With Yourself

- A. Who are You
- B. When are Your Peak Hours
- C. What/Who motivates You
- D. Are You Serious about Getting the job Done
- E. Hold/How Yourself Accountable
- F. Do You Like This Type of project





What is the Plan – How Do We Get Started (cont.)

## 2. Time Management

- A. Creating To Do Lists
- B. Learn to say "NO"
- C. Boxing Your Time
- D. Eliminate Distractions
- E. Clearing Your Thoughts





#### Wednesday December 21, 2016 Won't Take No For An Answer











#### Tuesday September 27, 2016 Boss Decision Making





I HACKED INTO YOUR
FITNESS BAND AND
ANALYZED YOUR
DECISION—MAKING
UNDER DIFFERENT
CONDITIONS.





## Visualize Yourself Successful



Visualize the Completed Product



- Procrastination Elimination Plan
  - 1. Goal Setting
    - 2. Have Fun
  - 3. Buddy System
    - 4. Rewards
    - 5. Freedom



☐Goal Setting

Write it Down
Break UP Projects
Don't Fear



## Goal Setting Tips

- One Goal at a Time
- Break It Down
- Start Small
- Be Realistic Know the Challenges
- Be Specific
- Make the goal achievable
- Prioritize

## Don't Be Afraid to Start



# Goals





☐Goal Setting

☐ Have Fun



Plan small Fun rewards
Relaxation
Positive Affirmations



- ☐Goal Setting
- ☐ Have Fun
- ☐Buddy System



Tell Someone

Surround Yourself With Positive People



- ☐Goal Setting
- ☐ Have Fun
- ☐Buddy System
- Rewards



## the **BIG** payoff



Rewards List



- •Small
- Intermediate
- Large
- •Super





- ☐Goal Setting
- ☐ Have Fun
- ☐Buddy System
- ☐ Rewards
- ☐ Freedom



What do you gain



### Procrastination Elimination Plan

- Goal Setting
- Have Fun
- Buddy System
- Rewards
- Freedom



## Things to Be Aware Of

- Organization
- Environment
- Time Management
- Backsliding
- Rewards Motivation
- Habits Making Excuses













- Reading and Reference Material
  - "Crash Course on Getting Things Done: 17 Proven Principles for Overcoming Procrastination"

Larry J. Koenig, Ph.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers

- "Getting Organized"
  - Chris Crouch, Dawson Publishing
- "The Complete Idiot's Guide: Overcoming Procrastination" Michelle Tullier, PhD., Penguin Group
- "The Procrastination Workbook"
   William Knaus, Ed.D., New Harbinger Publications
- "STOP Procrastination: 25 Simple Habits To Increase Your Productivity, Get The Work Done And Finally Stop Procrastinating"

Andy C.E. Brown, EBook





"Thinking outside of the box allows you to get rewards outside of your reach."

Matshona Dhliwayo,

100 Lessons My Heavenly Father Taught Me, 50 Lessons Every Wise Mother Teaches Her Son, 100 Lessons Every Great Man Wants You to Know