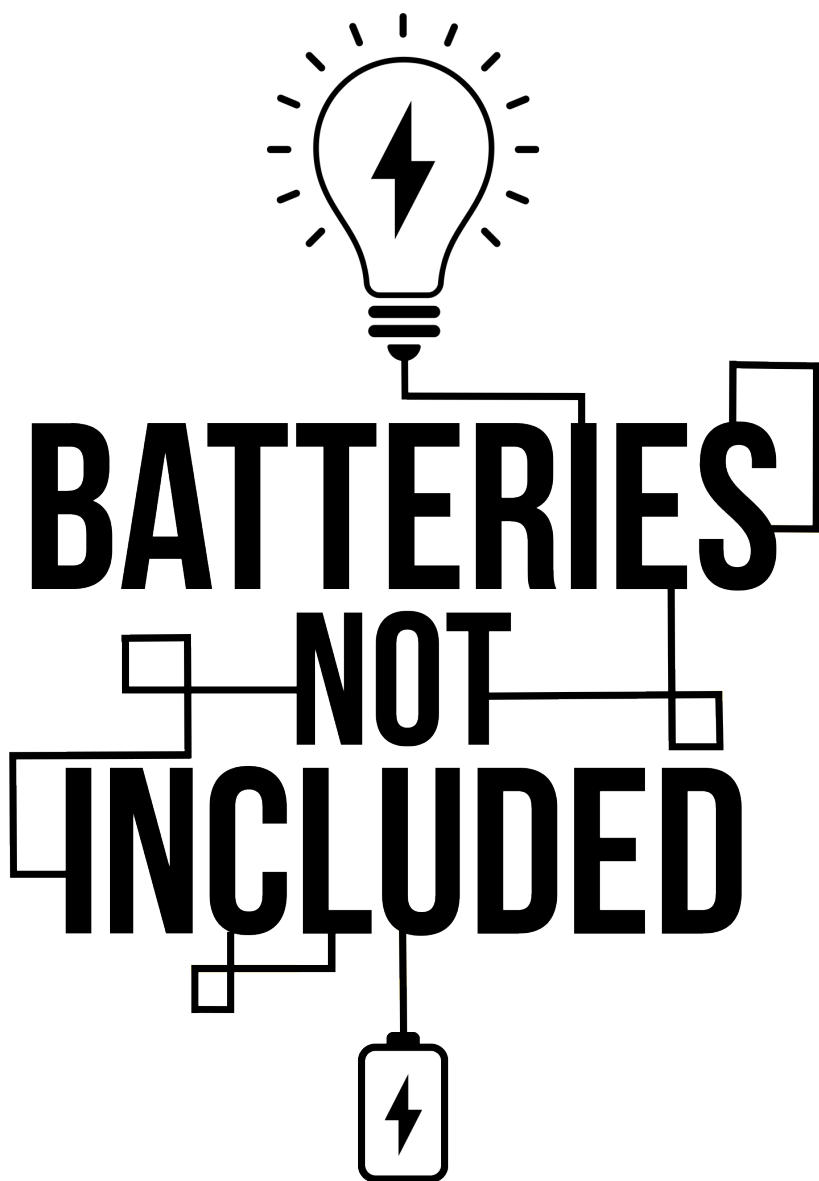


How to Power Your Purpose and Fuel Your Future



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FOREWORD

BY KARL PHILLIPS

When I think about my dear friend David, one word consistently comes to mind – resilience. Over the course of more than a decade, I have witnessed David navigate through life’s tumultuous waters, and not only survive but thrive. He has been a remarkable example of someone who plays the hand life deals him with unwavering determination, a bright smile, and an inspiring sense of purpose.

From his early days as a DJ, setting dance floors on fire, to the man he is today, striving to change the world one person at a time, I have had the privilege of observing his remarkable evolution. The journey that David embarked upon, transforming himself from a master of beats to a master of life, is one that has left an indelible mark on me.

In “All Charged Up: Powering Your Purpose,” David takes us on an exhilarating ride through the realm of personal transformation. His unique approach, captured in five distinct batteries, each charged with lessons and insights, offers a refreshing perspective on how to navigate the complexities of modern life.

The journey begins with Battery #1 – “FOCUS to Thrive,” where David emphasizes the importance of setting clear intentions and mastering the art of prioritization. He shares his wisdom on how to break free from the constant hustle and embrace meaningful productivity. With every page, you’ll be reminded that time is a finite treasure, and how you choose to spend it matters.

Battery #2 – “FREEDOM to Flourish” delves into the importance of breaking free from distractions and negative habits. David’s personal anecdotes and reflections offer a guide to becoming the best version of oneself, filled with purpose and devoid of self-doubt.

Battery #3 – “FAITH to Fly” is a powerful testament to the significance of belief and self-confidence. As David takes us through the journey of nurturing our belief systems, you’ll discover the limitless potential that resides within you.

Battery #4 – “FORCE to Succeed” resonates with those who understand that success requires not just hope but hard work. David emphasizes the law of motion and how embracing the heat can transform good into great.

Finally, Battery #5 – “FUN The Fuel of Fulfillment” is a reminder that amidst the striving and achieving, there’s a vital place for joy and laughter. David invites you to embrace the art & science of fun and discover the fulfillment that it brings to life.

Throughout this book, David combines personal stories, practical advice, and deep reflection to offer a roadmap for those who seek to lead purpose-driven lives. With each battery, he guides you

through the process of charging yourself up with the energy and mindset required to pursue your goals with fervor.

“Batteries not included” is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the ability to transcend challenges. David’s story is one of transformation and resilience, and his wisdom will undoubtedly inspire you to live your life charged with focus, faith, freedom, force, and fun.

As you embark on this transformative journey through the pages of this book, remember that just as David has evolved from DJ to world-changer, you too can power your purpose and be “All Charged Up.”

So, grab this book, turn the page, and let David be your guide to a more charged-up and purpose-driven life. It is a journey well worth taking.

-Karl Phillips

INTRODUCTION

Tis' the Season for BATTERIES

The Christmas season has always held a special place in my heart. The air is filled with joy and cheer, and the spirit of generosity flows through the streets. I find myself captivated by the enchanting movies (Home Alone & Elf especially) that transport me to magical worlds and the melodies of timeless carols and Christmas pop songs that warm my soul - Christmas just ain't Christmas without Mariah Carey in the background. The festive decorations adorning every corner of the town create a picturesque scene, as if straight out of a storybook.

It's a time when I gather with my loved ones, creating treasured memories through delightful traditions. I cherish the moments spent with my children, driving through neighborhoods adorned with shimmering decorations, their eyes filled with wonder and excitement. We revel in the joy of exchanging presents, wrapping

each gesture of love in colorful paper and bows. As we sip hot cocoa & make s'mores by the crackling fireplace, laughter fills the air, and the warmth of togetherness envelops us. Christmas reminds me of the immeasurable blessings of family and the joy that flourishes when we come together to celebrate the season of love and giving. I love Christmas so much, in 2022 I left my Christmas tree up in the living room for the entire year!!!

Amidst the twinkling lights and bustling holiday stores, there's one phrase that seems to echo louder than any other: "*batteries not included.*" It became a familiar refrain when exchanging gifts, especially those containing electronics. It struck me how often the excitement of receiving a new gadget or toy was met with the realization that an additional power source was required for it to fulfill its purpose. Even the most thoughtfully chosen presents often needed an extra boost to truly come alive.

This observation, however, extended far beyond the realm of material objects. It served as a metaphor, a gentle nudge from within, urging me to delve deeper into the nature of our own gifts—the talents, hopes, purposes, and dreams that reside within

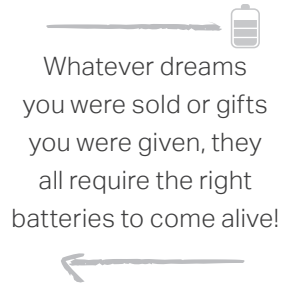
each of us. Just like those electronic gifts, our own potential requires the right batteries, the essential tools, to be activated and powered. The ever elusive American Dream we were all sold as kids--the great career, perfect family, big house with 2.5 kids and a dog--the lavish life of the rich and famous, or the dream of becoming a professional athlete, or making it out of the hood.... Whatever



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dreams you were sold or gifts you were given, they all require the right batteries to come alive! And so, the inspiration for this book was born—a guide to help you discover and connect the right batteries or tools that will fuel your future, propelling you toward a purpose-driven life.



Welcome to “**Batteries Not Included: How to Power Your Purpose & Fuel Your Future,**” where we embark on a journey to identify and cultivate the sources of power that will energize your unique talents and aspirations. Throughout the chapters ahead, we will explore the fundamental principles and practical strategies that will empower you to unleash your full potential. Together, we will learn how to select and integrate the batteries—be it knowledge, skills, mindset, or relationships—that align perfectly with your individual gifts. Prepare to embark on a transformative quest, where you will gain the tools and insights necessary to illuminate your path and infuse your purpose with unwavering clarity and confidence. Let’s get it!!

DISCLAIMER - WARNING!

Before we delve into the heart of the matter, it is crucial to set the record straight and establish the right expectations. The following five batteries we are about to explore—Freedom, Faith, Focus, Force, and Fun—are not intended to serve as an end-all, be-all solution or an exhaustive approach to fueling your future or powering your purpose. They represent powerful elements that have proven transformative in my personal journey, as well as in the lives of


numerous influential and productive individuals I have had the privilege to work with and encounter throughout my career.

However, it is important to recognize that each person's path is unique, and what works for one may not necessarily work in the same way for another. These batteries are tools for you to consider and explore, drawing inspiration and insights from them as you navigate your own journey towards fulfillment and success.

Battery 1: The FOCUS to Thrive

In the first chapter, we dive into the power of Focus as a vital tool for achieving clarity and maximizing our potential. Focus encompasses the ability to direct our attention and energy towards our priorities, eliminating distractions and cultivating a

disciplined mindset. We will explore techniques to sharpen our focus, enhance productivity, and stay present in the pursuit of our goals. Through practical exercises and mindfulness practices, we will navigate the path of focus, unlocking the transformative impact it has on our lives. Remember, focus is a skill that can be honed, and this chapter will equip you with the tools to cultivate laser-like focus and thrive in your endeavors.



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Battery 2: The FREEDOM to Flourish

In the second chapter, we explore the power of Freedom as a catalyst for unleashing our true potential. What are the things that we need to free ourselves from or cut or eliminate from our

lives in order to flourish! Freedom encompasses breaking free from self-imposed limitations, societal expectations, and fear of judgment. We will delve into the importance of authenticity, self-expression, and living in alignment with our core values. Through inspiring stories and practical exercises, we will uncover ways to cultivate a sense of inner freedom, enabling us to make choices that align with our true selves. Remember, true freedom begins from within, and this chapter will empower you to embrace the liberation that comes with living authentically.

Battery 3: The FAITH to Fly

In the third chapter, we delve into the power of belief as the driving force behind our achievements. Belief is the cornerstone of self-confidence, resilience, and the realization of our aspirations. We'll explore practical techniques to nurture a strong belief system, conquer self-doubt, and embrace challenges with unwavering determination. Through inspiring stories and actionable strategies, we'll guide you on a transformative journey of self-discovery, harnessing the full potential of your beliefs to pursue your goals.



Belief encompasses
having faith in
ourselves, our abilities,
and the possibility
of our dreams
coming to fruition.

Battery 4: The FORCE to Succeed

In the fourth chapter we explore the power of force, the driving energy propelling us toward success. Force entails deliberate, consistent action, fueled by determination and a robust work ethic. We'll uncover strategies to conquer procrastination, cultivate discipline, and sustain momentum on your purpose-driven journey. Through real-life examples and practical techniques, we empower you to

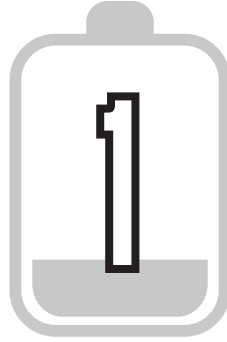


harness your inner drive and take intentional action, turning your dreams into tangible achievements. Remember, force is not pressure but a source of empowerment. This chapter will guide you to embrace the power of force and unlock your full potential.

Battery 5: FUN - The Fuel of Fulfillment

In this fifth and final chapter, we uncover the transformative power of fun as the driving force behind our fulfillment. Fun isn't just a pleasant diversion; it's a catalyst for creativity, innovation, and embracing joy in our journey. Through engaging stories and practical activities, we'll explore how infusing fun into our daily lives can lead to increased enthusiasm, resilience, and a brighter perspective. Remember, fun is not the opposite of success; it's an essential ingredient for achieving true fulfillment. This chapter will equip you to harness the energy of fun to unlock your potential and savor the path to your dreams.

With these F batteries (Focus, Freedom, Faith, Force, & Fun) as our fuel, let us embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery and purposeful living. Remember, your journey is unique, and these batteries are tools to ignite and inspire you along the way. As we explore each chapter, I encourage you to reflect, apply the principles, and adapt them to suit your individual needs and aspirations.



FOCUS

TO THRIVE

‘Where your focus goes, your energy flows’

—Eric Thomas

READY, AIM, FIRE!

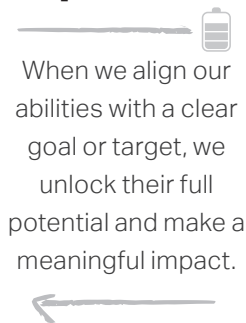
As we prepare to install these batteries that fuel our future and power our purpose, it is crucial to emphasize the importance of using our newfound gifts for their intended purpose. Much like installing batteries in a device, we need to ensure that our talents, skills, and aspirations are channeled & focused towards a clear, specific, and measurable target or goal. We must ask ourselves, *‘What’s the point!?’*

Almost every instructional manual for any electronic device has a section that warns users that the device in question must be used for its intended purpose. And oftentimes if users fail to comply with the intended purpose, not only will the device fail to function properly and limit its productivity, but also voids certain warranties!

I don’t care what it is... an Xbox 360 should not be used as a step-stool, smartphones aren’t designed to be used as door stoppers, and laptops shouldn’t be used as frisbees! Using any of these devices in these ways not only limits our ability to experience their benefits, but also could cause catastrophic complications!!

Just as electronic devices provide instructions to help users maximize performance and minimize malfunctions, understanding the importance of using our gifts and talents for their intended purpose is crucial. When we

align our abilities with a clear goal or target, we unlock their full potential and make a meaningful impact. This principle applies



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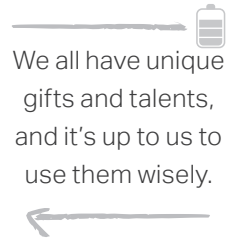
not only to devices but also to our personal growth and achievements. In simpler terms, it all comes down to one question: *What's the point?*

Speaking of using our gifts for their intended purposes, let me share a personal story that really brings this concept to life. Back in high school, I had this crazy knack for math. I mean, numbers just clicked with me, it was truly a gift, and I couldn't get enough of subjects like algebra, geometry, trigonometry, statistics, economics, and even calculus. Don't let my tattoos fool you, I was a bit of a math nerd deep down.

But here's where things got interesting. Instead of using my mathematical prowess to ace my classes and pursue a career in a field like business, finance, or even engineering (yeah, I know, rocket science was a bit of a stretch), I ended up taking a different path. I got caught up in the wrong crowd and started using my math skills for, uh, let's say less-than-legal activities. Yep, I became a bit of a math-savvy drug dealer, figuring out ways to make a profit by doing calculations, converting units of measure and breaking down large quantities for local distribution in order to scale my operations. I was good at it, no doubt about that. But man, I was using my gifts in all the wrong ways. Similar to one using their laptop as a frisbee!

Luckily, life had a way of giving me a wake-up call. I realized I was on a dangerous path and decided to make a major shift in my life. I discovered my true calling and passion for legitimate business ventures. It was like a lightbulb moment, you know? I started using my math skills for their intended purpose, aligned with my newfound aspirations.

So, the lesson here is this: we all have unique gifts and talents, and it's up to us to use them wisely. We've got to find our true purpose and channel our abilities towards something positive and meaningful. When we do that, we unleash our full potential and make a real impact on the world. It's a journey, my friend, but one worth taking.



By defining our target or goal, we give our purpose a tangible form. We give ourselves a target to aim at and a goal to strive for. Our goals serve as a beacon that draws us forward, igniting a sense of determination and resilience within us. This target serves as a constant reminder of what we strive to achieve, driving us to take the necessary steps and make the right choices aligned with our purpose.

Moreover, a specific and measurable target allows us to track our progress and evaluate our actions. Just as a battery's energy can be measured by the power it provides, our efforts and actions can be assessed against the milestones we set. This evaluation helps us adjust our course, celebrate our successes, and learn from any setbacks we encounter along the way.

Remember, without a clear target to aim at or a specific goal to reach for, installing the batteries of purpose is futile, rendering our efforts and potential meaningless. It is the clear and specific target or goal that gives our purpose direction and amplifies our impact. So, let us set our sights on a meaningful destination, ensuring that our newfound gifts are utilized purposefully, and our actions align with our aspirations. With a clear target in mind, we

can activate our purpose, harness our potential, and embark on a journey of growth, fulfillment, and accomplishment.

I recall a time my son and I nearly starved to death because we lacked a specific target or destination! Allow me to explain.... One day when my son and I set out to find a place to eat we found ourselves without a specific restaurant in mind, so we decided to embark on an adventure, hoping that something would catch our attention along the way.

With excitement and hunger driving us, we hopped into the car and started driving aimlessly, exploring different streets and neighborhoods. As time passed, our hunger grew, but we remained determined to stumble upon a place that piqued our interest. Little did we realize that our lack of a clear destination or target would lead us on an unintended journey of frustration.

As the minutes eclipsed an hour, our aimless driving began to take its toll. We found ourselves driving in circles, going down unfamiliar roads and retracing our steps. With each passing moment, our hunger intensified, and our frustration mounted. The lack of direction became evident as we wasted precious time, gas, and energy in our quest for a simple meal.

The once-exciting adventure had turned into a disheartening experience. Our growling stomachs served as a constant reminder of our misguided approach. It was evident that without a clear destination, we were merely spinning our wheels and exacerbating our frustrations.

Finally, realizing the futility of our aimless endeavor, we decided to regroup. We pulled over, took a moment to reflect, and searched for nearby restaurants. Within minutes, we had a clear destination in mind—Whataburger - God's gift to Texas!

The relief was near as we navigated towards the restaurant with purpose. Our hunger was finally satisfied, and our frustrations began to dissipate. The experience taught us a valuable lesson about the importance of having a clear destination or target. In this simple journey, we witnessed firsthand how the absence of a clear goal resulted in wasted time, energy, and resources. It highlighted the significance of setting a specific destination, whether in our daily lives or on grander endeavors. Just as in our search for a place to eat, having a clear goal guides our actions, optimizes our efforts, and ensures a more fulfilling and rewarding outcome.

From that day forward, we embarked on our adventures with a renewed sense of purpose, ensuring that we always had a clear destination in mind. The experience served as a powerful reminder to approach life's journeys with clarity, intention, and a specific target, allowing us to make the most of our time, energy, and appetite for life's experiences.

Success in various domains relies on the establishment of specific targets and setting clear goals. Basketball players aim for the hoop, relying on a precise target to guide their shots and determine their scoring. Pilots set their sights on specific destinations, ensuring a safe and purposeful flight. In the realm of photography, capturing the perfect shot often requires a specific target or subject, as it provides a focal point and enhances the overall composition. These examples underscore the significance of having

clear targets in different fields, as they provide direction, focus efforts, and increase the chances of achieving desired outcomes.

Without targets, we risk wandering aimlessly, wasting valuable resources and diluting our potential for success. By setting specific goals and targets, we create a roadmap that propels us forward, allowing us to measure progress, make intentional

choices, and channel our energy effectively. So, let us embrace the power of specificity, chart our course with purpose, and unlock our true potential by setting clear goals and targets that light our path to achievement and fulfillment.



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JACK OF ALL TRADES, MASTER OF NONE

I want to drive this point home a little further, because there is an element of focus that goes beyond simply setting targets and establishing goals. Once the goal has been set, we can now focus our energy and effort on that particular target enhancing our efficiency, powering our productivity, and strengthening our efforts! The best way I can explain this phenomenon is by observing a lumberjack wielding his ax at the same point over and over and over again until the tree comes down!


I want you to imagine a lumberjack in action. Picture them swinging their ax with precision, aiming at the exact same spot on the tree trunk repeatedly. Each swing is deliberate, focused, and calculated. They don't waste their energy by striking the tree randomly

or haphazardly. Instead, they concentrate all their strength and effort on that one specific target. Over, and over, and over, and over! With every powerful swing, they inch closer to bringing down the tree.


Now, consider what would happen if the lumberjack swung their ax randomly, striking the tree at multiple spots without a clear focus. The energy and effort would be dispersed, resulting in a scattered impact. It would take much longer, if ever, for the tree to fall. The lack of concentration and direction would diminish their effectiveness and prolong the task at hand.

The same principle applies to us as individuals. When we have a specific goal or target in mind, directing our energy and efforts toward it becomes paramount. By focusing our attention, concentration,

and resources on that particular objective, we enhance our efficiency and effectiveness. We tap into our full potential and channel our efforts in a way that yields greater results.



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Without a clear focus, our energy becomes dispersed, our productivity suffers, and our progress may be hindered. But when we fix our sights on a specific goal, we harness the power of focus to drive us forward. We become more intentional, purposeful, and directed in our actions. It is through this unwavering focus that we can achieve remarkable feats and unlock our true potential.

So, let us swing for success just like a lumberjack swings their ax, channeling our energy, strength, and determination toward the specific target we have set. By focusing our efforts, we can maximize our productivity, overcome obstacles, and accomplish what once seemed insurmountable. With a clear focus and unwavering determination, we can power our purpose and bring our goals within reach.

I've shared this theory with so many entrepreneurs and professionals over the years, especially those who struggle with being a jack of all trades and master of none! In our modern world, there is a pervasive notion that we need to be proficient in multiple areas, wearing numerous hats and juggling countless responsibilities. We are often told that versatility is the key to success, but what often gets overlooked is the power of specialization and focused expertise.

And I have to admit that I, too, have found myself facing this challenge head-on. As I reflect on my own journey, I realize that I've worn many hats and pursued various endeavors, striving to excel in each one. I've been a DJ, an educator, a family man, a minister, an author, a photographer, an entrepreneur, and the list goes on. While I was proficient in these roles, the true test was whether I could achieve greatness in any one of them.

It became clear that my energy was being divided, my focus diluted, and my efforts scattered across multiple pursuits. It was time for me to take a hard look in the mirror and confront the reality that being a jack of all trades was hindering my ability to truly master any. The importance of focus and specialization began to resonate deeply within me.

During the early years of my first business, DJS Entertainment, a prominent wedding entertainment firm in Houston, I would eagerly accept any DJ gig that came my way. Birthdays, weddings, corporate events, sweet 16s, bar mitzvahs, festivals—you name it, I DJ'd it all. However, I soon realized that spreading myself too thin was preventing me from truly excelling in any particular area.

One day, a pivotal decision changed the trajectory of my business. I made the conscious choice to narrow my focus and concentrate all my energy, marketing efforts, and resources on attracting weddings and newly engaged couples. I committed wholeheartedly to becoming the best wedding DJ and emcee in the city. It was a strategic shift that paid off tremendously.

By specializing in the wedding industry, my humble side-hustle experienced a remarkable transformation. Annual revenues skyrocketed from a modest \$30,000 to over \$250,000 in a short period of time. I went from working alone to having a team of talented professionals supporting me. The power of focusing my efforts and specializing in one area became abundantly clear.

This personal experience serves as a testament to the incredible impact that can be achieved when we concentrate our energy and resources on a specific goal. It highlights the importance of specializing and becoming exceptional in a chosen field rather than being merely good in multiple areas. By narrowing our focus, we unlock the potential for exponential growth and success.

When we try to be a jack of all trades, we may find ourselves spreading our energy and efforts thin. We become generalists, tackling a wide array of tasks without delving deeply into any one

area. While this approach may initially seem appealing or even necessary, it can lead to a lack of true mastery and hinder our progress. We may become competent in various domains, but without specialization, our impact and effectiveness may be limited. We are left with only amounting to being ‘good’ instead of ‘great.’

By focusing our energy and efforts on a specific target or area of expertise, we can unlock a higher level of mastery. Just as the lumberjack concentrates their swings on a single spot of the tree trunk, we can direct our attention, resources, and time toward

honing our skills and deepening our knowledge in a particular field. This level of specialization allows us to develop a deeper understanding, refine our abilities, and achieve a level of proficiency that sets us apart.



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Specialization doesn’t mean disregarding other areas entirely. It means prioritizing and dedicating significant time and effort to a core focus while still maintaining a broad awareness of related disciplines. This deliberate narrowing of focus empowers us to delve deeper into our chosen field, staying up-to-date with emerging trends, technologies, and advancements. It enables us to offer unique value, become sought-after experts, and make a lasting impact in our respective industries.

In a world where information is readily available and distractions abound, it is easy to fall into the trap of trying to do it all. However, by embracing the power of specialization, we can rise above the

noise and stand out from the crowd. We can leverage our expertise to solve complex problems, innovate, and make meaningful contributions. It is through this focused approach that we can truly excel, transforming from a jack of all trades into a master of our chosen craft.



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So, let us remember that being a master of one trade does not diminish our versatility or potential. Rather, it amplifies our impact, deepens our understanding, and allows us to achieve greatness in a specific domain. Embrace the power of focus and specialization, set your sights on a specific target, and watch as your expertise grows, your influence expands, and your purpose becomes even more powerful.

Now, I invite you to take a moment and evaluate your current goals or set new ones. As you embark on this transformative journey, it is essential to have a clear destination in mind. Without goals, the following pages may feel purposeless, like wandering without a compass. So, grab a pen, perhaps some coffee and physically write down your goals or something you aspire to achieve as a result of working through this book. Let these words on the page serve as a commitment, a declaration of your intent to unlock your true potential and power your purpose. With your goals in hand, you hold the key to steering your life towards meaningful accomplishments. Embrace this opportunity and let your goals be the driving force that propels you forward on this extraordinary path of self-discovery and growth.

REFLECTIONS/TAKEAWAYS

Remember, self-reflection is a powerful tool for gaining clarity and setting meaningful goals. Take the time to delve into these questions, write down your thoughts, and use them as a foundation for defining your goals and crafting a purposeful path forward.



What truly matters to you?

Take a moment to identify the aspects of your life that hold deep significance and bring you joy. Consider your values, passions, and the activities that make you feel fulfilled. Reflect on what truly matters to you and align your goals with those core values.

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Where do you see yourself in the future?

Envision the future version of yourself, whether it's in one year, five years, or even ten years from now. What does your ideal life look like? What accomplishments have you achieved? Use this vision as a guide to set goals that will bring you closer to that desired future





What specific area of your life would you like to improve or make significant progress in?

Take a moment to reflect on the different aspects of your life, such as career, relationships, health, personal development, or any other area that holds importance to you. Identify one specific area where you feel a strong desire for growth or change. This could be a skill you want to develop, a project you want to complete, a milestone you want to reach, or a habit you want to cultivate. By pinpointing a specific area, you can set a clear target or goal that will guide your actions and measure your progress.



Remember, specificity is key when setting goals. By focusing on a particular area for improvement or growth, you can channel your efforts and resources more effectively, increasing your chances of success. Use this question as a starting point to identify the specific target or goal that will inspire and motivate you throughout your journey of personal and professional development

