**HOW TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEM**

***“You will not find it difficult to prove that battles, campaigns, and even wars have been won or lost primarily because of logistics.”*** – **General Dwight D.** **Eisenhower**, USA.

* **IF SOMETHING CAN BE FIXED ITS A PROBLEM.**
* **IF SOMETHING CAN’T BE FIXED ITS A FACT OF LIFE.**

*“Trying to fix a fact will never work, it will only lead to more frustration. Accepting reality, however, brings peace.”*

Above Average Pastors talk and think **logistics** not just strategy.

Logistics is about solving problems.

1. **Write down and define the problem as clearly as possible.**

a. Go into detail about the problem. By doing this you gain a greater understanding of the problem and thus get some solutions in the process.

2. **Write down everything you know about the problem.**

a. What do I know as to why the problem exists. For example, if the budget is behind $15K

**3. Decide what I can do by myself to fix this problem.**

 a. If I can fix the problem, it is not a big problem

 b. Mind-Storming - Where you sit alone to come up with solutions.

 c. Prayer is thinking deeply in the presence of God.

**4. Gather others and brainstorm solutions to the problem.**

 a. Start small with a group of trusted people.

b. Try to solve the problem with the smallest group because the longer the problem goes without you solving it, the more you lose credibility.

 c. Leaders are problem solvers. Leadership is anticipation.

 d. Ideally you catch the problem upstream before it becomes a problem.

**5. Evaluate your ideas for the best options.**

 a. What are the best two or three options to solve the problem?

 b. Might be a multi-solution problem.

6. **Pray and ask God for wisdom – (James 1:5-6)**

 a. Now you bear down more so in prayer for God's wisdom and open doors.

 b. Let God have the final word on the solution

**7. Create an action plan based on everything you've done. (see attached sheet)**

**8. Set a deadline for solving this problem**

**9. Put controls in place so that it doesn't rise to the level of a problem again.**

**10. Ask God; What were you teaching me through this problem.**

**\*Adapted from Church Leader Insights Titanium Coaching Network**

**BONUS INSIGHT:**

Avoid the negativity trap - *"It’s impossible!"*

**Fixed Mindset** – People with fixed mindsets believe they are born with a certain level of ability. They shy away from challenges that may expose weakness in their abilities, doesn’t respond well to criticism, and often feel resentful of other people’s success. Their own thought processes limit their potential.

**Growth Mindset** – People with a growth mindset believe they can develop their abilities. They see challenges and even mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow. When others are successful, they look for information that they may apply to their own lives. They have the right thought processes to reach their full potential.

**Book Suggestion** – Carol Dweck’s **Mindset The New Psychology of Success**

There is a summary and analysis in SCRIBD.

**NOTES**

**ACTION PLAN WORK SHEET:**

**Objective: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Action Steps:**

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