# Striking the Balance THE MODERN DAY CHALLENGE

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# An Ongoing Quest

- Pilot Grove
- University of Missouri
- "See the whole world, and get paid to do it"
- Family

#### CAREER "POST CODES"

- Peoria, IL
- San Francisco, CA
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Geneva, Switzerland

- Cary, NC
- Peoria, IL
- Singapore
- Peoria, IL



# **Setting Expectations**

- My approach won't necessarily work for you ... you will have to search for your own balance
- There are no silver-bullets ... it is hard work
- It's not about doing less work ... it is about being more effective at home and work
- Life won't always be in balance ... be consciously aware when it's not
- It's a matter of choice ... your choice

## **3 Basic Steps**



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### Improved efficiency

will set you free



healthy mind, healthy body



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personal planning ... same rigor & discipline

Family vision: The purpose

# We will positively impact

the people and responsibilities experienced throughout life

- Rapp Family

#### Values we will live by:

- Self-Esteem ... we build self-esteem
- Honesty ... we always tell the truth
- Faith ... we are faithful to God and our family
- Competitive Spirit ... we try hard and play fair
- Respect ... we respect each other and those in authority
- **Responsibility** ... we meet our commitments and fulfill our responsibilities





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- It has to be a shared vision ... two lists
- Setting the calendar ...

Mandatory dates, protect vacations and special days

- I have dinner plans ... it just happens to be at home
- 90% of the world's problems are related to the lack of communications Look at me, Hi/Lo's, hoops till dinner, Sunday conversations
- Choose hobbies you and your family can enjoy ... golf has gone downhill, downhill skiing much improved
- Don't forget the significant other ... coffee and croissant



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# Improved Efficiency

• Exercise, dog, breakfast, email, kids ... before 7:30

- Email ... touch it once, brevity is king
- Technology ... good servant, bad master
- Meetings ... a half hour will do
- Travel time ... on the job, surfing
- Simplify your life (outsource) ... I don't do lawns
- Most important ... the 5 C's of leadership





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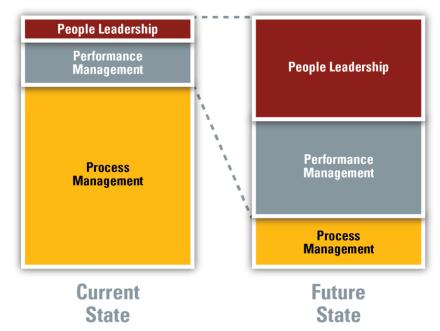
#### Know where time goes

Do your own "waste walk"

- Record
- Manage
- Consolidate

Source: Peter Drucker's "The Effective Executive ...1963"

#### DESCRIPTION OF DAILY MANAGER ACTIVITY



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# Be a Corporate Athlete

- Reading ... with a purpose and a filter
- TV on your terms ... Chris Berman
- Make a list ... free the mind
- Stress management ... when I see red
- Mind control relaxation ... just 15 minutes
- Who gets to choose what kind of day you have? ... you do





# Be a Corporate Athlete

- Exercise no excuses allowed ... you have time
- Must be a routine / habit ... build your schedule around it
- If it is something you love to do ... all the better
- Peer pressure is good ... find a partner (real or virtual)
- Use available tools ... iPad, iPhone; makes it easy
- Healthy diet ... would you put it in your gas tank
- Muscle confusion, growth vs. decay ... "Younger Next Year"



### **Common Themes**

### **Discipline & Habit**

it takes 30 days to make a habit

### **Methodology Recommended**

goal setting supported by affirmations and daily prescription

# **Suggested Recipe**

- Assess if you are in control of technology or if it is in control of you you have to take control
- Select 2-3 goals / areas

where you want to create positive change

Look for waste

by reviewing your calendar over the past two months and identify opportunities for time savers

Clearly articulate

in the form of affirmations in the future state and why you want to change ... it has to be put down in writing

• Build your daily schedule around implementing the change



# Perpetual devotion to what man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things.

– Robert Louis Stevenson





BOONVILLE'S 1970 JUNIOR BABE RUTH CHAMPIONS are the members of KWRT, which finished with 13-2 mark. Team members from left front row are: Eddie Rapp, David Trelc, Bill Rapp, Mike Jackson, Lionel Pearson and Keith Poindexter. Second row: coach, Bill Trelc, Dan Pethan, Gary Alpers, Don Rapp, Mike Meyer, Steve Lang and manager Guy Jackson. Missing are Mark Moore and bat boy Don Schnell. (Daily News photo)

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