## TIME MANAGEMENT JOURNAL

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## Time Management Journal

Everyone has $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 0}$ minutes in a day. It's enough time to accomplish great things... or waste it away on social media, video games, or entertainment.

How will you use your 1,440 minutes?

When you manage your time well, you will:

- Get more done at home and work
- Create more leisure time
- Regain greater control over your life
- Experience less stress and more contentment

Making the conscious decision to track your time can be one of the most productive decisions you can make.

As you go through the journal prompts and reflect on your habits, you will uncover trends that will guide you toward little changes in how you manage your time.

For your best results, be honest and complete in your answers. Let's begin...


What is your reason why? Why do you do what you do? When you have a concrete reason for your work and vocation, you are more likely to consistently follow through.


When is your most productive time of day? Why?

## ${ }^{66}$ Don't say you don't have enough time.

You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.

- H. Jackson Brown

What are the typical distractions and interruptions that keep you from managing your time well?


What is the biggest challenge when it comes to arriving on time? What will you do about it?


"The key is in not spending time, but in investing it."


Create your ideal morning routine for the first two hours of your day.

Create your ideal workday. Specifically, plan when you will do your focused work, administrative tasks, and planning.


Create your ideal bedtime routine so you can create a healthy sleep routine, without overstimulating your brain with racing thoughts or media use.

"Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the year as you make use of.

One man gets only a week's value out of a year while another man gets a full year's value out of a week."

- Charles Richards

What specific tasks will you allow others to take over for you?
Delegation sets you free! Allow your colleagues, staff, family, friends, and children to contribute.


## If you have a daily commute, what can you commit to doing during this typically idle time?

Examples: Simple administrative tasks (email, research, etc.), inspiration or education (listening to audio books, reading, etc).
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What are the three most important things you want to accomplish this month? Why?

"Determine never to be idle.
No person will have occasion to: complain of the want of time: who never loses any.

It is wonderful how much can be done if we are always doing."

- Thomas Jefferson

What are three habits you can create that will help you to manage your time better? How can you begin implementing these habits?


Keep track of a typical day and record what you do every 30 minutes. How can you make better use of your time?

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Make a list of all activities you do in a typical day. Identify the tasks that you must do versus those that you can skip or delegate.


What can you do on the weekend to help you create a productive week?

"A man who dares to waste one hour of life has not discovered the value of life."

- Charles Darwin

Think back to a time when you were so productive that you felt unstoppable. Why were you so productive? Where were you? What were you doing? What did you eat?
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Who is the most productive person that you know? Why are they productive? What can you learn from them?


What are your three most important goals for this year? Why are they important to you? What are you willing to do on a daily basis to give your goals the priority they deserve?


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> "One cannot manage too many affairs:
> like pumpkins in the water, one pops up while you try to hold down the other."

- Chinese Proverb

Make a list of small tasks (5-20 minutes) that you can do during downtime. (i.e. while waiting at a doctor's office)


How often do you visit social media or check your email when you are supposed to be in focused work? What can you do to break this habit?


Track the number of times you reach for your phone throughout the day. Are you doing this out of habit or boredom?


"Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend."

- Theophrastes

Is your calendar overbooked? Why? What are some activities you can say "no" to?


Reflect on your day. How did you manage your time? What could you have done better?


Are you ready for tomorrow? What is one thing you can do tonight to prepare for the day ahead?

"Until you value yourself.
you will not value your
time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it."

- M. Scott Peck

What are some unimportant tasks or decisions that you allow to drag you down or waste your time? How will you resolve them?


What bad habits waste a significant amount of your time on a regular basis? Describe how you can spend that time more productively.
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Are there any people in your life that regularly distract or interrupt your day? What can you do to establish healthy boundaries?

"A wise person does at once, what a fool does at last. Both do the same thing; only at different times."

How will you handle your day when the unexpected happens?
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What part of your day must you protect at all costs?

When will you take your breaks today? What do you look forward to doing during your break?


What are you doing to take care of yourself today?



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