The Language of Leadership:
Enhancing your Leadership Potential

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Defined:

What Pulls YOU off Course?

Mission Statement:

Personal Vision:
The Choice Point System illustrates that for most every decision there is a moment in time where the decision is made. We call that moment a “Choice Point”.

The Choice Point System shows you that:

- For every decision there is an Outcome
- Often these Outcomes are Positive or Negative, sometimes they’re a mixture
- If you look at the “Choice Point” and decide whether your choice fits into who you really are and how you want to be, it will help guide you to a positive outcome
- Because you have the ability to choose, you are responsible for the results of your decisions. This is a positive thing because you can only change you!
- If you - or someone else - ended up with a negative consequence, at some point they made a decision that led them to that outcome, and
- In the big picture, all choices help get you to where you want to go – personally and in your organization.
Obstacles to Positive Speech

The Six Obstacles

What’s Really Going On?

Why Positive Speech is Worth It?

The Five Keys to Positive Speech:
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Internal Dialog
How Your Thoughts Create Your Reality

Key Negative Thoughts:

Key Negative Beliefs:

True Thoughts:

True Beliefs:
Think of a person you’re having difficulty with. What might YOUR filters be that are distorting what’s really going on?

1. ____________________________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________________________

What might YOUR negative driver be?

1. ____________________________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________________________

How are you going to use this information to help you at your workplace?

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**DRAMA TRIANGLE**

- PERSECUTOR
- RESCUER
- VICTIM

**LEARNING STYLES**

- AUDITORY
- VISUAL
- KINSESTHETIC

**TRUST**

- Motivate
- Inspire
- Lead by Example
- Empower
- Compassion Based
Positive Communication Matrix

**Sender**
- Listen.
- Watch Your Reactions.
- Triggers?
- Emotions in check?
- Goal?
- Reevaluate.
- Re-send?
- Auditory?
- Visual?

**Receiver**
- Did they understand?
- Look for verbal cues.
- Body Language.
- Paraphrasing.
- Listen.
- Watch Your Reactions.
- Triggers?
- Emotions in check?
- Paraphrase.
- Ask Questions.
- So you mean?
- Did you mean?

**Obstacles**

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How do you “Set Up” your negative belief to happen:

What steps are you going to take to change them:

### Verbal Confusion

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rarely ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect in it's weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

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### Popular Misunderstood Lyrics

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Communication and Word Choice

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**COMMON REACTIONS TO POOR WORD CHOICES**

Visceral:

Emotional:

Body Language:
The Focus Flip

Create a very negative two paragraph description of something, perhaps things going on in your life. It would be great if it was something you want or wish was different, but find yourself stuck in the negative.

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Now, redirect everything, except the thing you want. Change the focus to be entirely positive. Look for the positive in all aspects. Find truths that aren’t spoken. (It may seem “Polly Anneish” – I’d encourage you to try it anyway - to see.)

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**Self Communication Assessment**

Use this in your mind when you find yourself overreacting to something someone has said or done.

1) I am Feeling ____________.

2) Because when he/she ________,
   (said/did or didn’t say/didn’t do)

3) I thought it meant that I am ________________,
   -Negative belief about yourself-
   (Incapable, Stupid, Not Good Enough, etc.)

4) What is true is that I am ____________!
   -Opposite of negative belief

   (What you really want to hear and what’s true!)
   -Repeat this often to yourself!

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**Positive Beliefs**

I am important.
I belong.
I am good enough.
I matter.
I’m smart.

I’m successful.
I’m good.
I am worthy.
I’m capable.
I am enough.
I’m on the right track.

**Negative Beliefs**

I am not important.
I don’t belong.
I am not good enough.
I don’t matter.
I’m stupid.

I’m a failure.
I’m bad.
I am not worthy.
I’m not capable.
I am not enough.
I’ll never amount to anything.

This tool works wonders when you notice you are taking something personally. It may be a friend that has said or done something, a co-worker or supervisor. This process will help you get out of the emotional reaction and think clearer.

Here’s an example. Say you were to meet someone at a certain time, and they forgot. You might feel mad and think that you are unimportant because they forgot to meet you. So you would put your feelings in the first line, that they didn’t show up in the second line, that you think you are “Unimportant” in the third line and the truth, that you are “Important” in the fourth line. Using this can help you to know to not take things so personally. It will also take a lot of the “charge” out of conflicts.
Positive Change System (The Digger)

What’s not working?

Did I create it or have a part in it?
(Really look at this one. It may be subtle.)

What Ground Rule or Personal Value did I break in this?

What did I do to create or take part in it?

How was I was feeling before I created it -or made a choice.
(Was it MAD, FRUSTRATED, CRANKY GLAD, SCARED, WORRIED, SAD, something else?)

What I really wanted was:
(Something that is Healthy, Honest Kind and Respectful, and okay to have. Realize you can’t change others. It starts with you.)
Positive Change System (The Chooser)

What will I choose now to not take part in creating this, or creating this directly? (Look at Honesty, Kindness and Respect. Did you React? Was it Anger? Were you believing a Negative Belief about yourself? Look at the Choice Point System. What Choice can YOU make that will change the outcome?)

Do I need support to make this new choice? To consistently make it? If so, what am I willing to do for myself? (You’ll notice this is about and for you.)

Do I need to do anything about the feeling? (Breakthrough, Self Communication Assessment, Anger Release, Talk with Someone, Other?)

Do I need to do something to get some of or all of what I want? (This is something that is HEALTHY to have. It also is okay to have, doesn’t harm you or anyone else. It’s not in anger, not demanding and is honest kind and respectful. Ideas like: Be more gentle with me / Create peaceful time for me / Create fun time)
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