LEADERSHIP MODULE

Why Are You Grateful?

A Gratitude Mindset Shift

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Why Are You Grateful?

The definition of grateful means warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits received.

We have ALL received kindness and benefits this year!

However, in the pursuit of success and more, more, more - we often forget about what we do have. Instead, we tend to focus on what we did not receive or do not have!

Almost like the kid who got a ton of great gifts for Christmas, but didn't get their 'most wanted' gift, they are bummed out. Unfortunately, I know there are times in my life where I was that kid (and still can be to this day!).

Whether it was the promotion I didn't get, or that new job I wanted, or the good health news for a loved one that never came.

When we think about what we don't have or didn't receive, then we are left disappointed, defeated, and discouraged.

This can cause us to view our life from a position of discontent, giving us low self-confidence and excitement for tackling new opportunities.

This exercise is to flip that script.

We are going to identify the "what and who" we are grateful for in our life.

Not only that, but we are going to take it a layer deeper, and ask 'why'!

Most of the time when we do these grateful exercises, we quickly rattle off the names of people we are grateful for and then we move on to the next task! Maybe taking 30 seconds tops to be grateful! Well, not today!

So, here is how we are going to do this.

- Take out a piece of paper and pen (or use the lines below)
- Allow for 15 minutes (at least)
- Write out 15 "what and/or who" items you are grateful for
- Next to it, write out 'why' you are grateful for them

Here is my example:

- What/who am I grateful for?: Holly (which is my wife)
- Why am I grateful for her?: because she is so supportive of my job and schedule; she is an incredible mother to our kids; she is an awesome CEO to our house and keeps us all in check; she is a great cook; funny



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By doing this exercise with a pen and paper, we stay in the moment and do not get distracted with technology or our to-do list.

By doing the 'why', we dig a little deeper emotionally, thus digging a deeper foundation of gratitude.

I hope you enjoy this exercise as much as I did.

Your Turn: What and Who am I grateful for? Why am I grateful?

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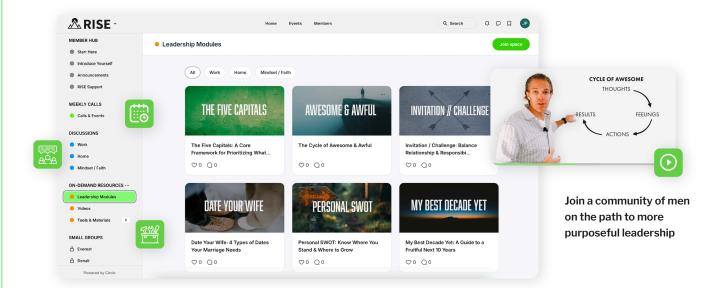
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