

THE LEADER'S GUIDE TO TIME OWNERSHIP

LEADERS DON'T FIND TIME—THEY MAKE IT



“TIME IS THE SCARCEST RESOURCE; AND UNLESS IT IS MANAGED, NOTHING ELSE CAN BE MANAGED.”
— PETER DRUCKER

BUSY ≠ EFFECTIVE

Time ownership means **directing attention toward outcomes** — and protecting that time with **structure and habits** for you and your team.

WHAT IS TIME OWNERSHIP?

TIME OWNERSHIP = AWARENESS + DESIGN + DEFENSE

AWARENESS

Know where your time actually goes.

DESIGN

Align calendar blocks to top priorities with real outcomes.

DEFENSE

Protect focus time as seriously as meetings.

FOUR PILLARS OF TIME OWNERSHIP

DEFINE OUTCOMES

Know what “good” means this quarter.

INSTALL HYGIENE

Meeting must earn its place.

BLOCK TIME

Assign hours to outcomes... and stick to the plan.

MEASURE LIGHTLY

Review weekly and adjust.

6-STEP SYSTEM TO IMPROVE TIME OWNERSHIP

Your path from awareness to design to defense

RUN A 2-WEEK TIME AUDIT

Track time by category: Deep Work, Leadership, Decisions, Meetings, Communication, Operations, Recovery.

INSTALL MEETING HYGIENE

Pre-briefs, 25–50 min limits, clear next steps, shared notes.

DECIDE OUTCOMES & TIME BUDGET

Choose 3 top priorities and allocate recurring blocks.

SET MESSAGE NORMS

Tag urgency, use threads, mute guilt-free during deep work.

BLOCK YOUR WEEK FOR FOCUS

Two to three 90–120 min deep-work blocks; theme days for flow.

RUN DAILY & WEEKLY LOOPS

Friday review, daily startup/shutdown, small continuous tweaks.

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