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10 Essential Principles of *Implementation Leadership*



The practical leadership perspective on the real-world integration of science to complex criminal justice settings

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Real World Implementation Leadership

What Implementation Leadership LOOKS like



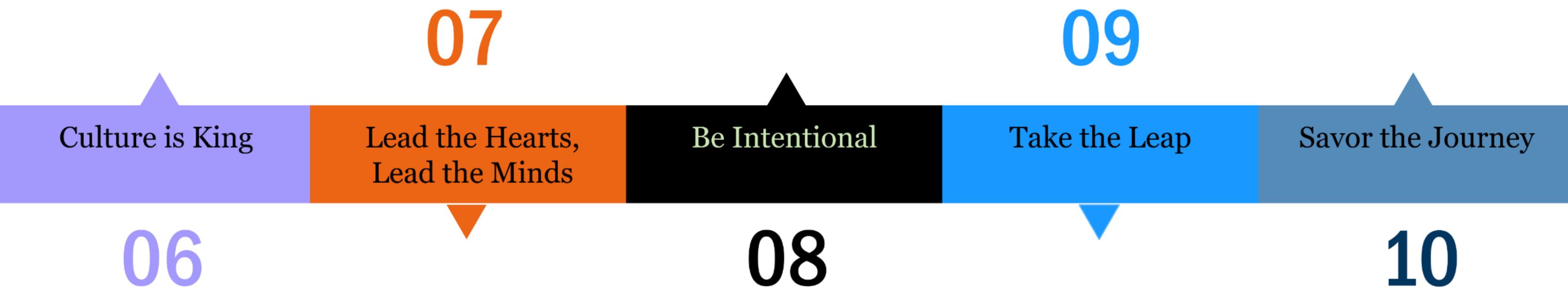
What Implementation Leadership FEELS like



Principles of Implementation Leadership In Brief



More Principles of Implementation Leadership In Brief



01

Trust the
Vision



Trust the Vision Share an Adaptive Leadership Mindset

- **Past = Certain** *Future = Uncertain*
- Uncertainty and Fear are close cousins
- Foresight = the central ethic of Implementation Leadership
- The role of optimism – a hopeful vision is necessary to quell anxiety and fear
- The implementation leader = Emotional guide to the implementation team



Trust the Vision Share an Adaptive Leadership Mindset

- “It is better to aim high and miss the mark, than to aim low and hit it”
- “Implementation leaders don’t manage change...they facilitate progress”
- “I’d rather make small changes to big problems, than big changes to small problems”
- “Good is the enemy of great” (yes, we fix things that aren’t broken)
- “Change is inevitable, progress is optional”
- “Progress, not perfection”
- “Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Aim high, in hope and work” - Daniel Burnham

02

**Murphy
Hates You**



Murphy Hates You

Don't Fail to Plan, but Certainly Plan to Fail

Let's be clear about Murphy and his "law"

1. What can go wrong, will go wrong.
2. When things do go wrong, they will most likely go from bad to worse in rapid fashion.
3. If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that does will be the most disruptive.
4. If everything seems to be going well...please hold, Murphy is busy at the moment.

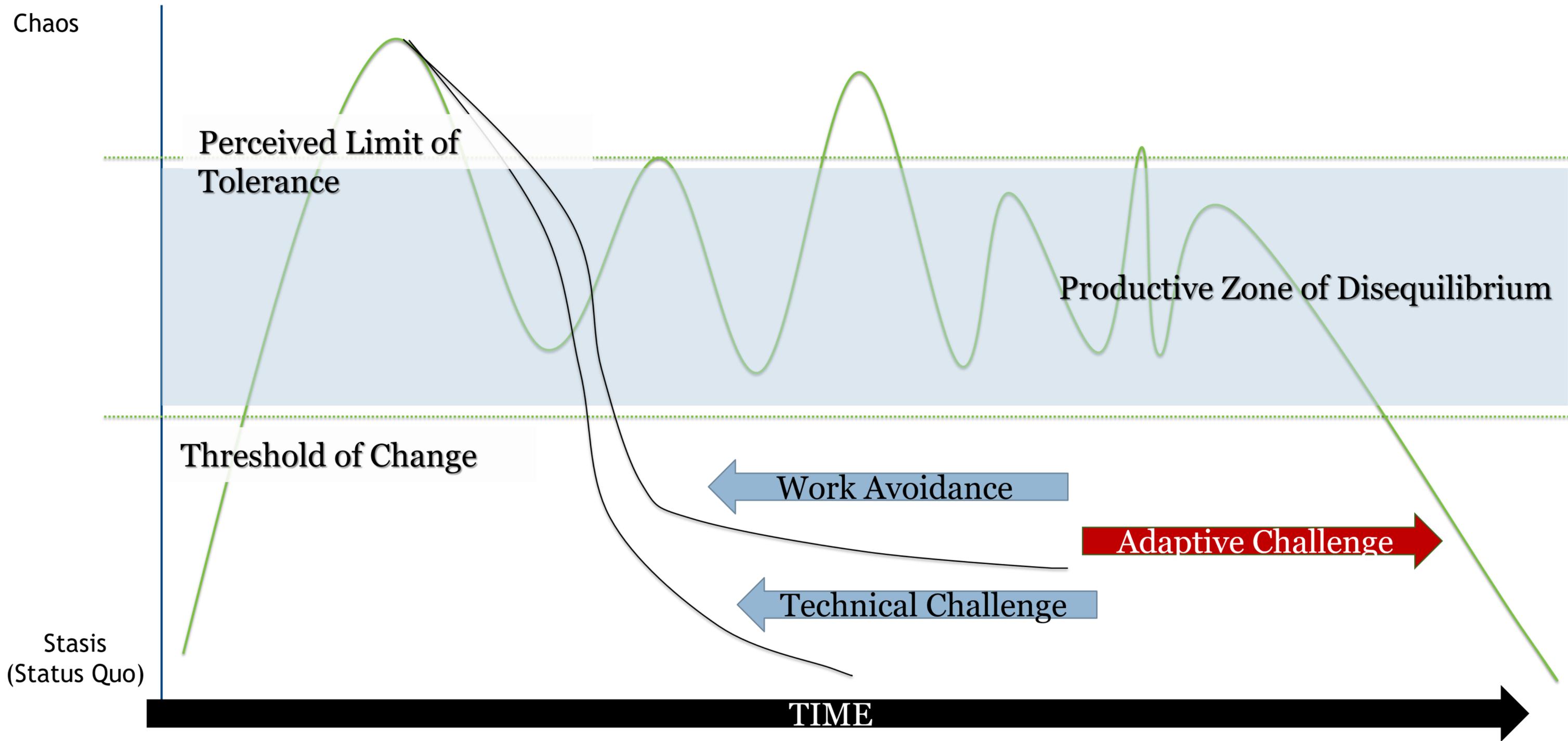
- Therefore, you must also ***plan to*** fail.
 - Planning to fail is an acknowledgement that human driven processes are wrought with mistakes, miscalculations and outright crises
 - Strong implementation leaders build failure into their implementation strategies
 - When you plan to fail you lessen the frustration, thus your responses are more fluid and adaptive.

03

Be Comfortable
Being
Uncomfortable



Productive Zone of Disequilibrium



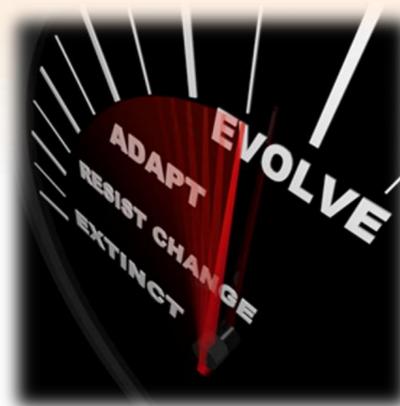
Be Comfortable Being Uncomfortable Survive the Edge of Chaos

- Disequilibrium is the rule, not the exception
- Adaptive and cultural change cannot happen within the comfort zone of self or others
- Disrupt people (but at a rate they can absorb)



04

Adapt or Die



Adapt or Die Only the Adaptive Survive



Leon C. Megginson
Professor of Management

“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent; rather it is the most adaptive to change.”

Technical Change

1. Often easy to identify
2. Can often be solved by an act of authority
3. Solutions can often be implemented quickly
4. Changes are generally required in only one or a few places and within organizational boundaries

Adaptive Change

1. Difficult to identify (easy to deny)
2. Requires changes in values & beliefs, thus the people with the challenge must be involved in the change
3. Solutions require experimentation and discovery and thus time to implement/perfect
4. Changes are generally required in numerous places and across organizational boundaries

Hearts & Minds

Only the Adaptive Survive



Adaptive challenges require leaders to change hearts and minds.

We lead people, not machines...when change is required we can't simply replace parts, we must change attitudes, beliefs, values and ultimately behavior.

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Fail
Forward &
Fail Often



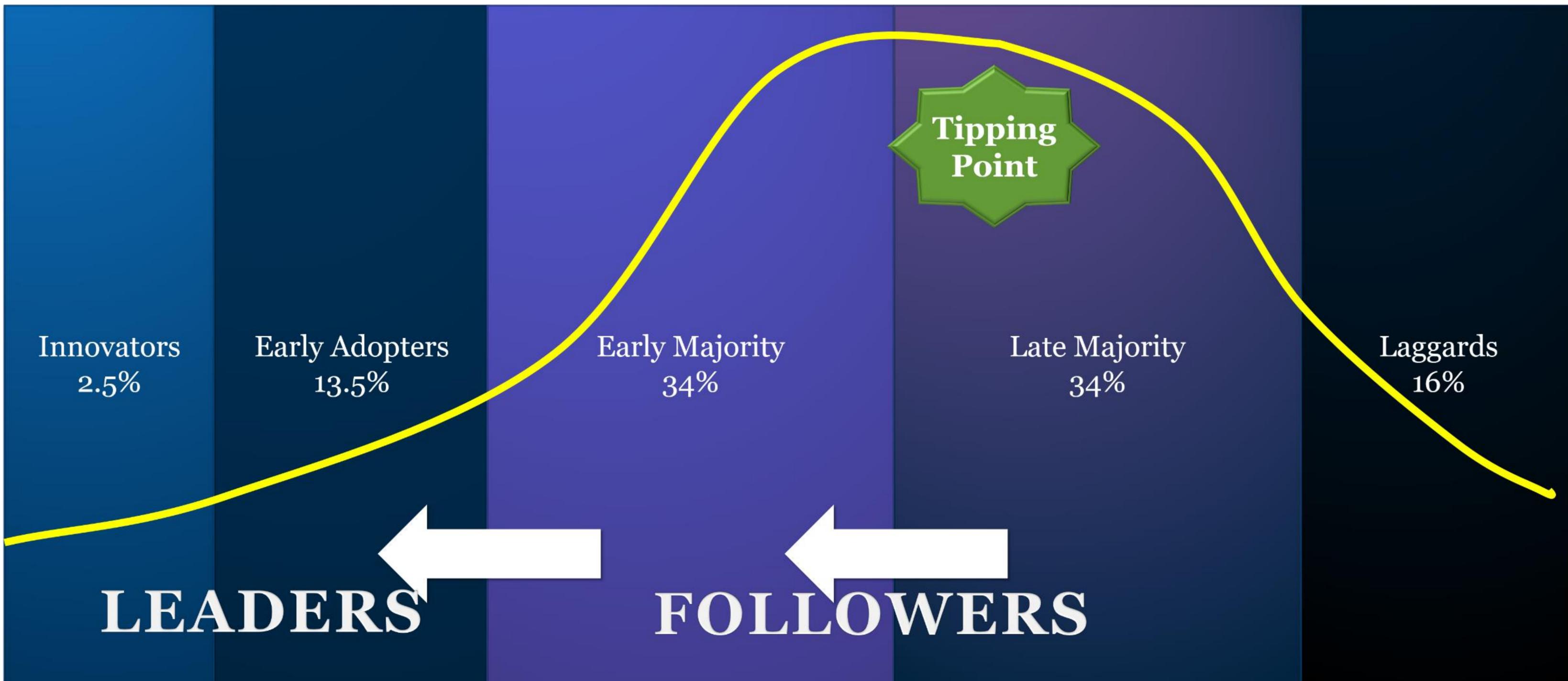
Fail Forward, Fail Often

Progress, Not Perfection

- Embrace the definition of insanity....kind of
- Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm
- We feel right 90% of the time, but we are right only 50% of time
- Embrace trial and error
- The first set of solutions rarely “fix problems. Rather they **Shift** and **Redefine** problems



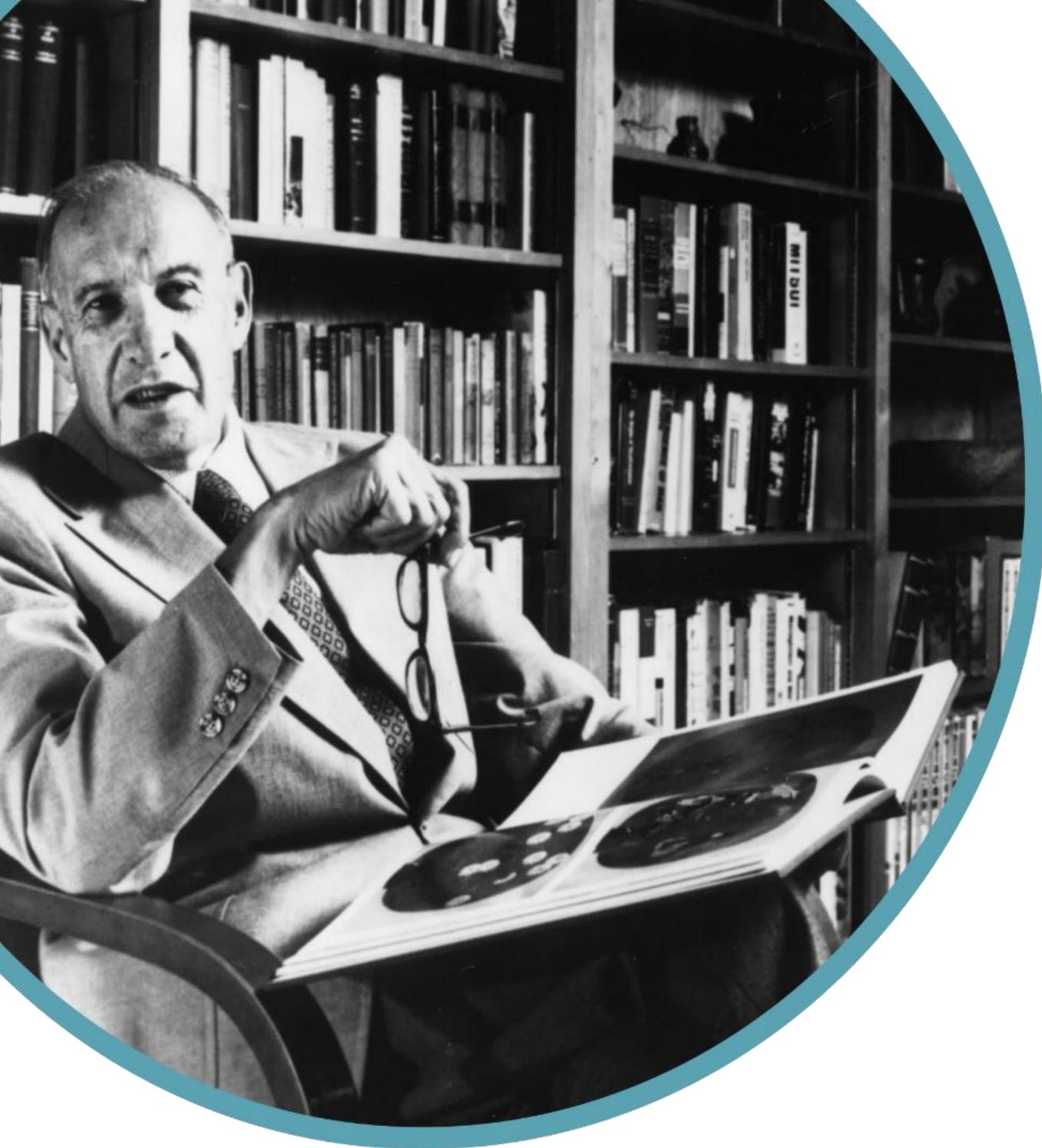
The Law of Diffusion of Innovation



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Culture is King





Peter Drucker

Management Pioneer

Famously said:

“Culture eats strategy for breakfast.”

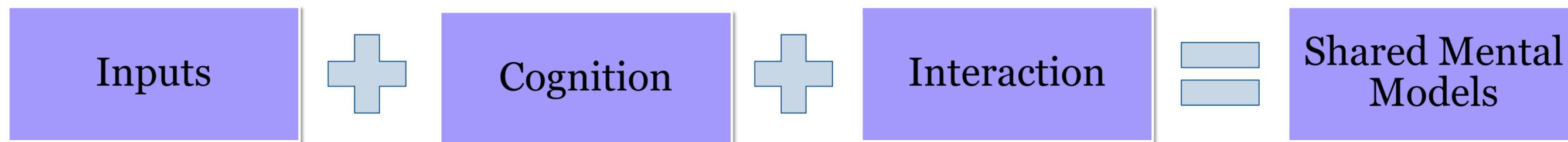
But, when speaking in terms of implementation, strategy has to do with the “drivers,” so...



“Culture eats drivers for breakfast.”

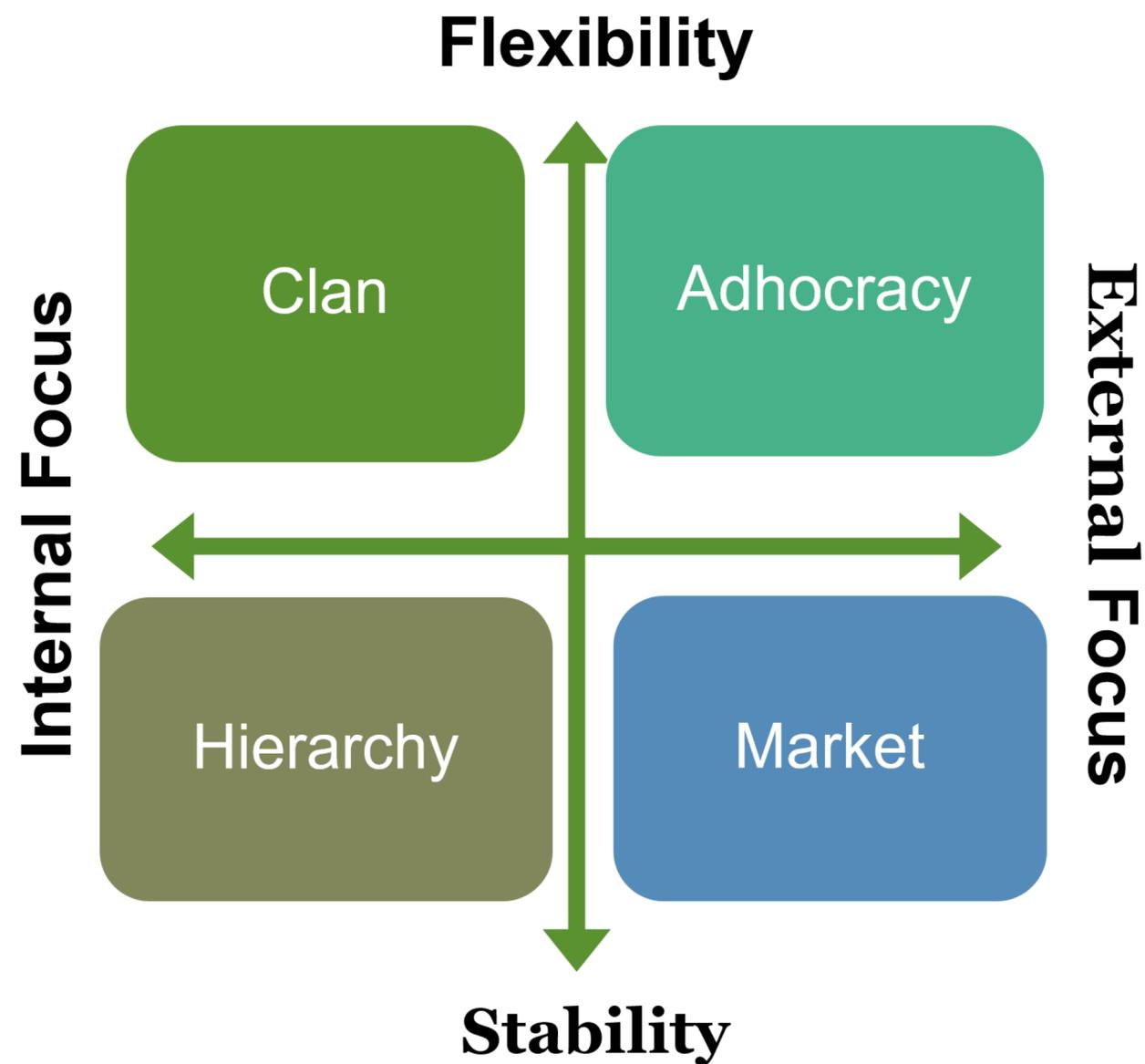
Culture is King Culture Eats Implementation Drivers for Breakfast

What is culture...and how does it emerge in organizations?



“...culture consists of whatever it is one has to know or believe in order to operate in a manner acceptable to its members....”

But why does culture eat drivers for breakfast?



Culture is King Culture Eats Implementation Drivers for Breakfast

	Clan	Adhocracy
Dominant Organizational Characteristics	Personal, like a family	Entrepreneurial, Risk Taking, innovative
Leadership Style	Mentoring, facilitating, nurturing	Dynamic, transformational, entrepreneurial
Management of Employees	Teamwork, collaboration, participation	Uniqueness, autonomy, innovation, individual risk-taking
Organizational Glue	Loyalty, commitment, trust	Commitment to innovation, product/process development
Strategic Emphasis	Human development, openness, participation	Creating new challenges, future focus, on the cutting edge
Criteria for Success	Development of human resources, concern for people	Unique and new products & services, System innovation
Offender Management	Staff-offender collaboration, behavior change focus	Innovative EBP, reduce recidivism thru innovation
	Hierarchy	Market
Dominant Organizational Characteristics	Controlled & Structured	Competitive, achievement oriented
Leadership Style	Coordinating, efficiency oriented, Bureaucratic	No nonsense, goal oriented, aggressive
Management of Employees	Conformity, predictability, productivity	Stretch targets, competition, goals
Organizational Glue	Formal rules & policies	Emphasis on achievement & Goal accomplishment
Strategic Emphasis	Permanence, structure, and stability	Competition, market domination
Criteria for Success	Dependable, efficient, low cost	Beating the competition
Offender Management	Monitor behavior, compliance, rule enforcement	Targets/objectives , set goals, push offenders to achieve

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The proof is in the pudding...

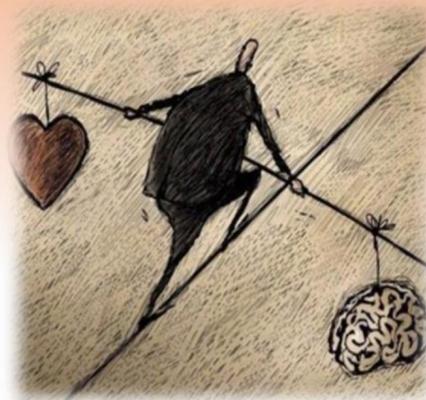
	Clan	Adhocracy	Market	Hierarchy
Competency	0.3152*	0.2379*	-0.0989	-0.3338*
Leadership	0.2706*	0.1998*	-0.0192	-0.3288*
Organization	0.3149*	0.2620*	-0.0673	-0.377*

* Indicates a statistically significant correlation

	Clan	Adhocracy	Market	Hierarchy
Staff Selection	0.3060*	0.2026*	-0.1981*	-0.2833*
Training	0.2084*	0.1872	-0.0189	-0.2799*
Coaching	0.3188*	0.1969*	-0.0962	-0.3135*
Tech Leadership	0.2105*	0.1735	-0.1087	-0.2153*
Adaptive Leadership	0.2606*	0.1797	0.0037	-0.3316*
System Intervention	0.2421*	0.3234*	0.0039	-0.4000*
Facilitative Admin	0.3039*	0.2011*	-0.0588	-0.3292*
Dec Data Support	0.2534*	0.2608*	-0.1408	-0.3156*

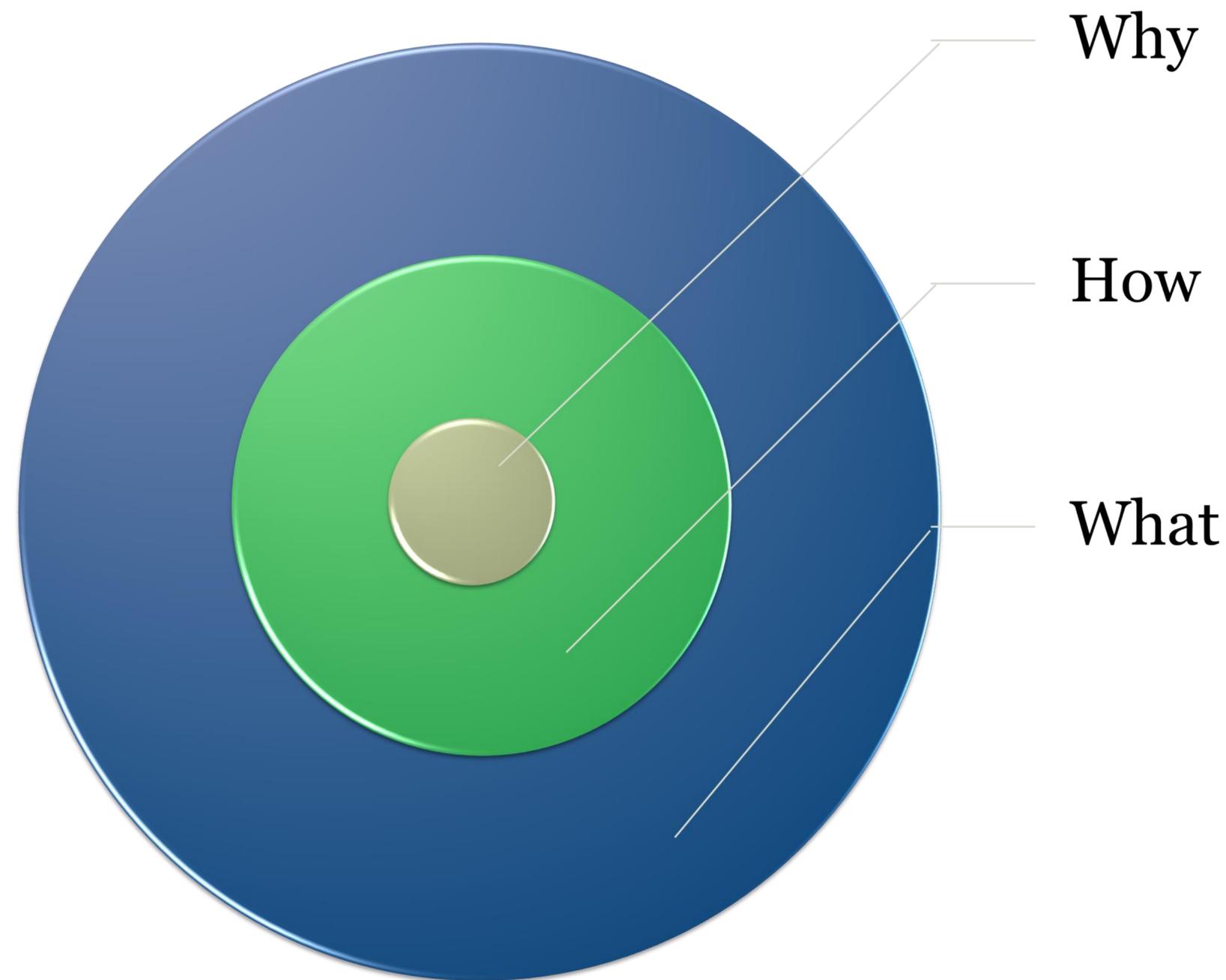
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Lead the
Hearts,
Lead the
Minds



Lead the Hearts, Lead the Minds Build Social and Interpersonal Capital

- People need to understand the **WHY** before they can be expected to learn the **WHAT/HOW**
- Decisions are made in the emotional (limbic) center of the brain where feelings of **TRUST** and **HOPE** are experienced
- ***People don't buy WHAT you say, they buy WHY you do it***
(Simon Sinek)



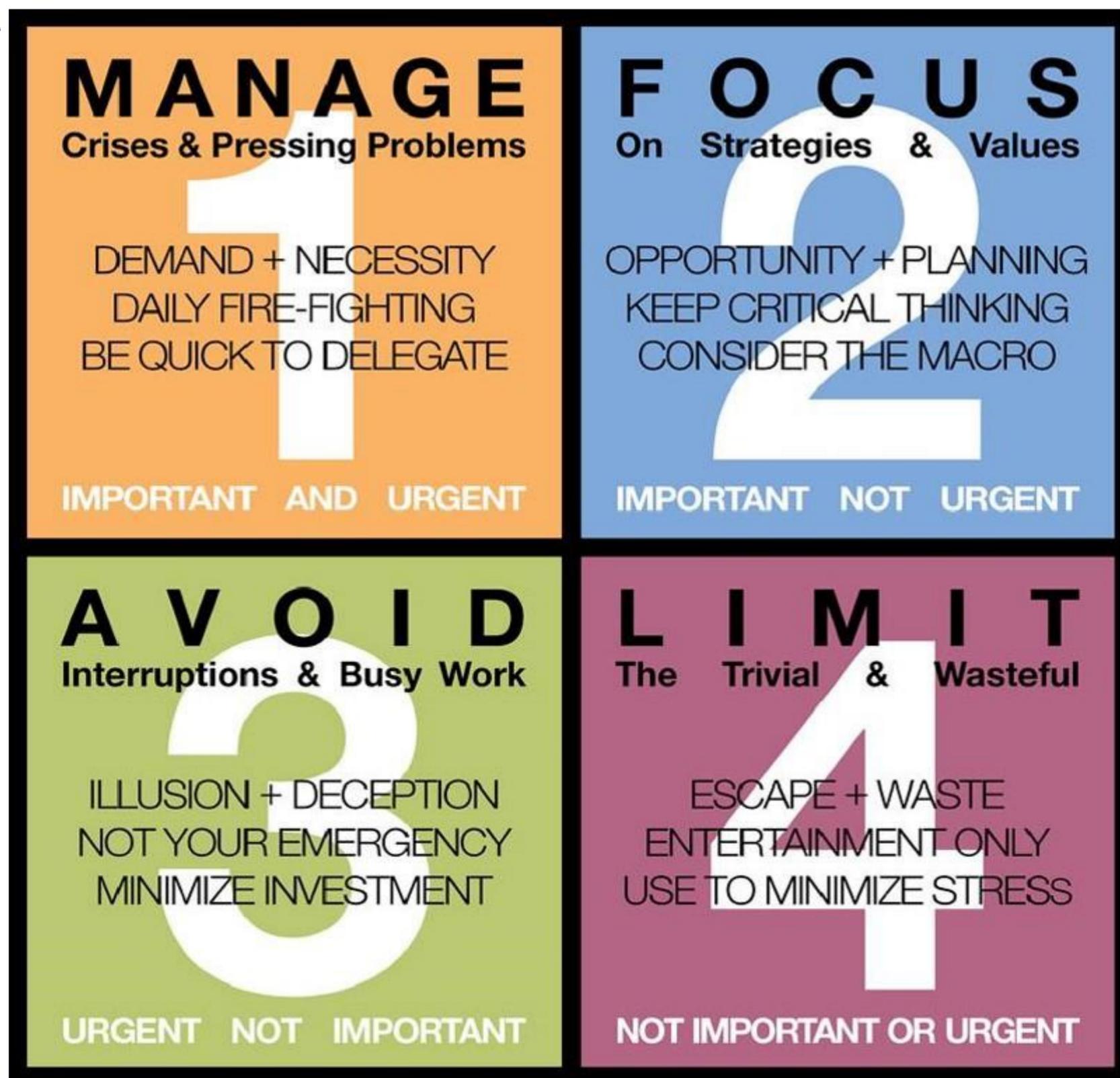
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Be
Intentional



Be Intentional It's a Marathon, not a Sprint

- When you're working through EBP implementation ensure you are dealing with what is important and not what is urgent. Urgency is now, important is always.
- Lower quadrants are those issues that consume your time without meaningful long term return on investment.
- Because of the sense of urgency these issues produce, it fuels an emotional rather than a rational response.
- Implementation Leaders are adept at being intentional about tackling the important, often strategic issues that live in Quadrant 2.



09

Take the Leap



Take the Leap Implementation is a Journey, Not a Destination

- Real world implementation is not a straight line
- People experience pre-emptive, pre-mature, and phantom stress before even engaging in the change
- *Implementation Leadership* is holding people in spaces they aren't comfortable in
- Guard against *Analysis Paralysis*...there is a point of diminishing returns.
- Plan, Do, Study, Act
- Ultimately, you must take the leap and get going in order to figure out what will and will not work.



10

Savor the
Journey



Savor the Journey Learn and Share the Experience

- Implementation can be difficult, challenging, arduous and wrought with frustrations—Human progress by its very nature is all of these things.
- Through the EBP implementation work we do we are adding to the collective knowledge of our system and our world.
- For these reasons it is important to:
 - Celebrate the small wins
 - Reflect on what was and relish what is
 - Savor the learning that comes as a result of implementation efforts
 - Inspire through relentless optimism about what could be and what comes next

“Don’t let ambition overshadow small successes”



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Thank You

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