

### High Performance:

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The Art of Staying Relevant

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#### **Appreciation & Respect**

**MNCEG Takes Risks** 

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#### **Appreciation & Respect**

#### Irv Bergman 40 Years Ago

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#### **Appreciation & Respect**

#### **Stewardship**

The Careful and Responsible Management of Something Entrusted to One's Care.

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## High Performance:

#### The Art of Staying Relevant

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#### Relevant

Meaningful or Purposeful in Current Society or Culture

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# Culture Leadership Steps To Stay Relevant

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#### Goal:

### Leave Inspired to Improve: Self & Your Organization

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## Why? It Matters!

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#### To Whom:

People You Serve
Your Staff
Your Stakeholders
Your Future Leaders
Your Leadership Legacy

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# Does Culture Really Matter?

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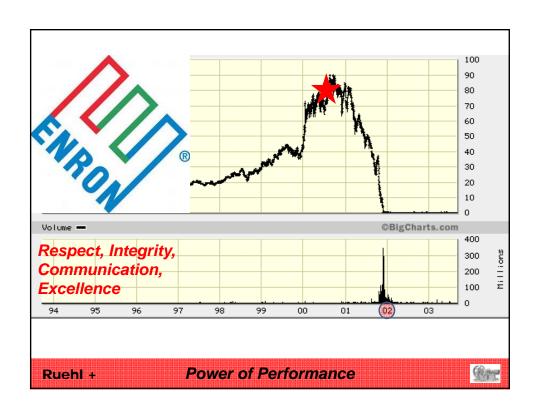


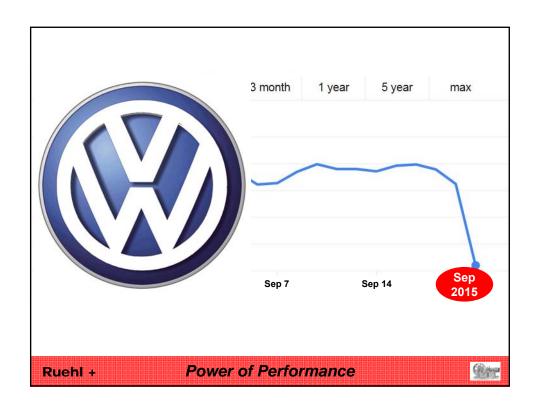
#### Memo, July 1, 2000 Office of the Chairman

"We stand on the foundation of our Vision and Values. Every employee .....is expected to conduct business with other employees, partners, contractors, suppliers, vendors, and customers keeping in mind Respect, Integrity, Communication, and Excellence. Everything we do evolves from our vision and values."

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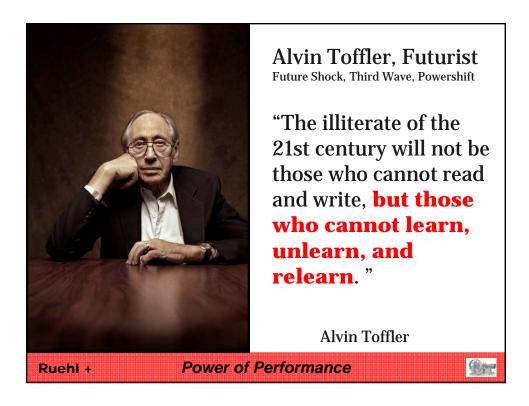




















# Yes, Culture Really Matters!

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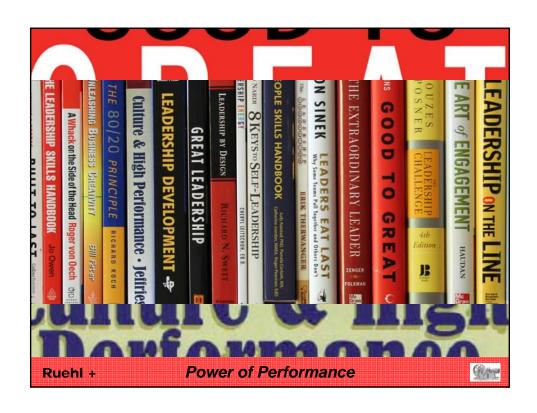
Peter Drucker: The Man Who Invented Modern Management 39 Books over 70 Years

#### Lessons:

- How organizations can bring out the best in people
- How workers can find a sense of community and dignity

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#### **Culture of Organization:**

"Sum Expression of What Matters to the Senior Leaders"

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#### **How Do You Know What Matters?**

- How they Model Shared Values
- Where they Are Centered
- Where they Spend Money
- Whom they Hire
- What they Reward
- What they Tolerate
- How they Care For People

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#### **Culture Keys for High Performing Orgs**

- Know Where They Are Going
- 2. Live Their Values
- 3. Focus On Their Work
- 4. Embrace the **TEAM** / individual
- 5. Reward the Right Behaviors
- 6. Generate Internal Energy
- 7. Stay Relevant

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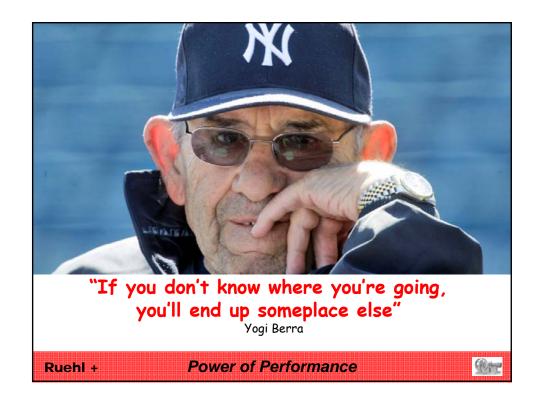
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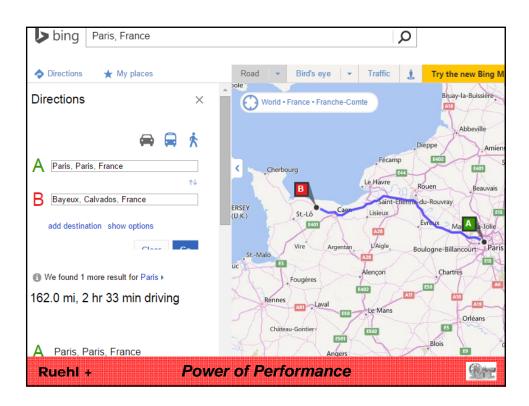
### High Performing Organizations

#### **Know Where They Are Going**

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#### **Clarity** of **Mission**

- Purpose / Why?
- Overall Goals

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**High Performing Organizations Know Where They Are Going** 

#### **Clarity** of **Vision**

- Direction / Where?
- Aspirations
- Provides Focus

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#### **Clarity** of Values

- What Is Important
- Shared v. Individual

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**High Performing Organizations Know Where They Are Going** 

#### **Clarity** of **Principles**

 Translate the M/V/V into Behaviors & Outcomes

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When was the last time you had a conversation with your folks about your Mission, Vision, Values, & Principles?

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# #2 High Performing Organizations Live Their Values

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**High Performing Organizations Live Their Values** 

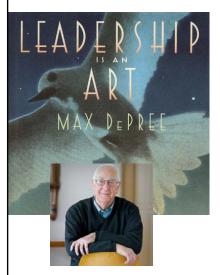
## Leaders are Responsible for and Stewards of the Culture

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**High Performing Organizations Live Their Values** 



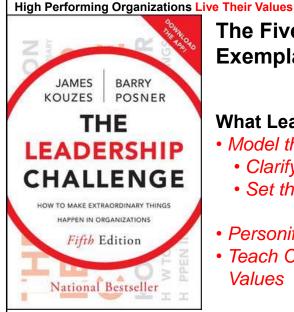
"Leaders must take a role in developing, expressing, and defending civility and values."

> Max De Pree Former CEO, Herman Miller

- Integrity
- Building & Nurturing Relationships
- Community Building

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The Five Practices of **Exemplary Leadership:** 

#### What Leaders "Do":

- Model the Way
  - Clarify values
  - Set the Example
- Personify the Shared Values
- Teach Others To Model the Values

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#### **High Performing Organizations Live Their Values Ten Truths About** Leadership: JAMES M. KOUZES BARRY Z. POSNER **Truths 2 & 8** THE • #2: Credibility is Foundation TRUTH · Honest, Forward-Looking, ABOUT Inspiring, Competent LEADERSHIP • #8: Either Lead by Example The NO-FADS RT-OF-THE-MATTER or You Don't Lead at All S YOU NEED TO KNOW Power of Performance Or. Ruehl +

**High Performing Organizations Live Their Values** 

## Leaders: "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"

Hillel the Elder / 1st Century Religious Leader

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**High Performing Organizations Know Where They Are Going** 

What One Behavior
Could You Change To
Better Align With Stated
Values?

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# #2 High Performing Organizations Live Their Values

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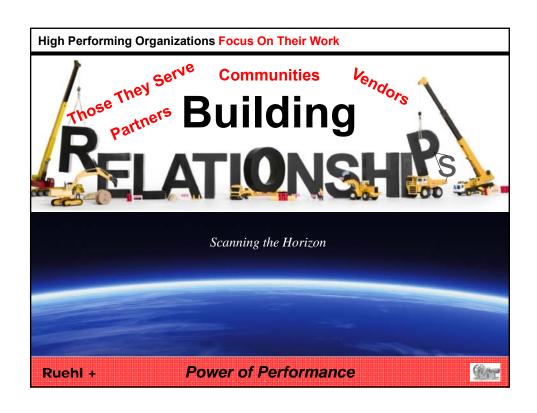
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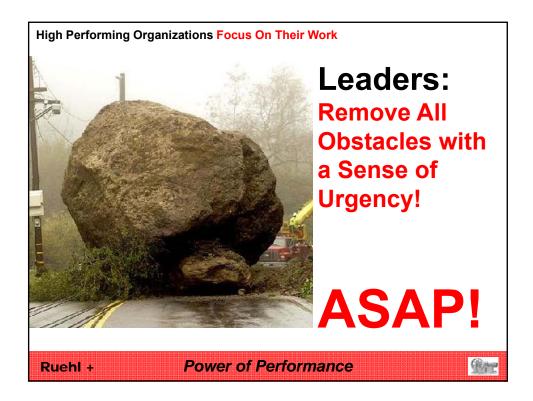
# #3 High Performing Organizations Focus On Their Work

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What Obstacle Could You Remove Quickly To Improve Performance?

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# #3 High Performing Organizations Focus On Their Work

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### High Performing Organizations

Embrace the TEAM

**Individual** 

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**High Performing Organizations Embrace the Team** 

### Our Cultural History Individualism

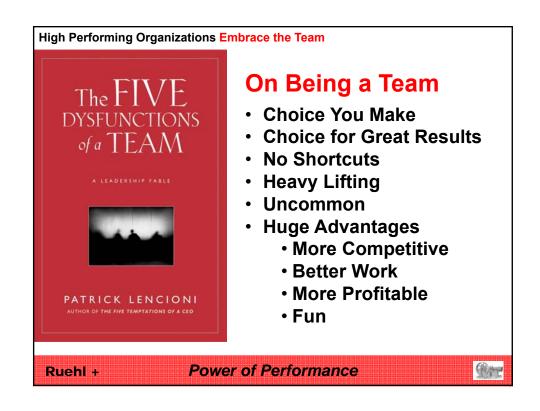
- Independent, Unique, Special
- Rewarded Individual Goals over Group
- Value Personal Identity & Achievement
- Competitive
- Less Conformation to Others' Expectations

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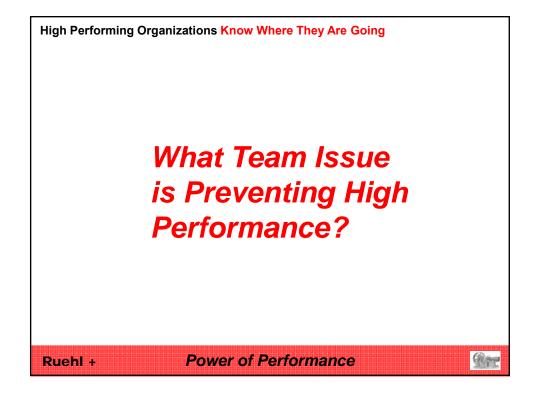












### High Performing Organizations

### Embrace the TEAM

Individual

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# #5 High Performing Organizations

**Reward the Right Behaviors** 

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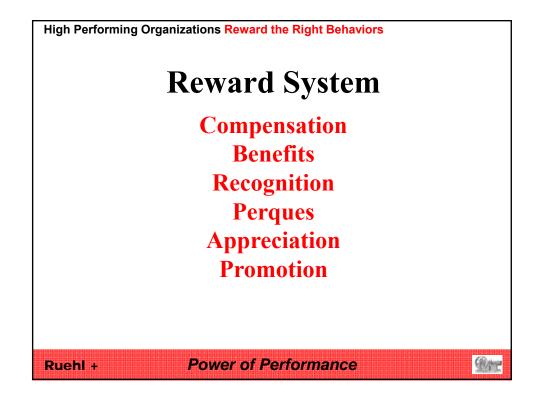


A Fundamental Law of Human Behavior
Reinforced Behavior Gets Repeated!

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**High Performing Organizations Reward the Right Behaviors** 

#### **What Matters?**

- Innovation
- Process Improvement
- Shared Values Alignment
- Organizational Improvement
- Team Participation
- Team Leadership
- Leadership
- Mentoring
- Constructive Conflict

- Positive, Supportive Attitude
- Work Performance
  - Schedules & Budgets
  - No Re-work
  - Awards & Testimonials
- · Specialization / Certification
- Relationship Development
- Competency

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**High Performing Organizations Reward the Right Behaviors** 

## Reward What Matters! Treat the Cancer!

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## What Should You Tolerate Less & Reward More?

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# #5 High Performing Organizations

**Reward the Right Behaviors** 

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# #6 High Performing Organizations Generate Internal Energy

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**High Performing Organizations Generate Internal Energy** 

#### **Climate for People to Flourish**

To learn, to grow, to shine, to step forward, to challenge and be challenged, to risk, to become competent, & have fun innovating. Opportunity to lead and belong.

Unique to Each Organization Universal to People

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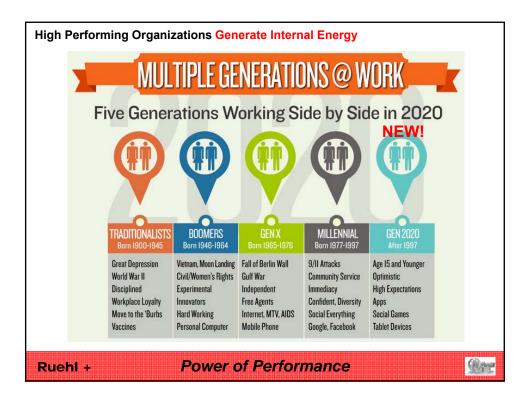
**High Performing Organizations Generate Internal Energy** 

# Caring about who they are and what they can become vs what they can do for you.

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**High Performing Organizations Generate Internal Energy** 

#### Generation Z (1995/'97)

- 50% of Gen Z send more than 50 Texts / Day
- Engages in the co-construction of knowledge Not just recipients of communication
- Sharing online is entertaining, and enjoy learning in the process
- Tend not to use blogs, voicemail, & detests emailing messaging
- · Especially fond of short communication bursts, on point

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**High Performing Organizations Know Where They Are Going** 

Involve,
Inspire,
Invest,
and you'll
Innovate

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How Are You Showing Your People You Care About Who They Are?

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# #6 High Performing Organizations

**Generate Internal Energy** 

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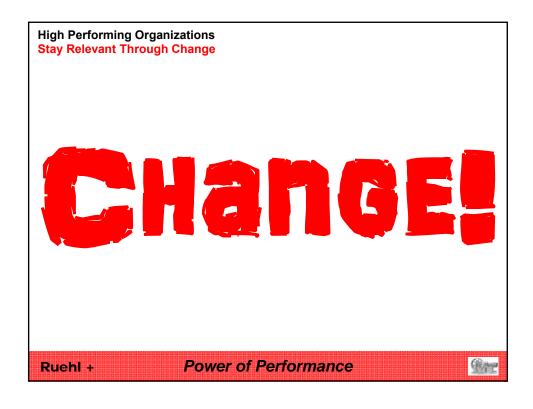


# #7 High Performing Organizations

Stay Relevant Through Change

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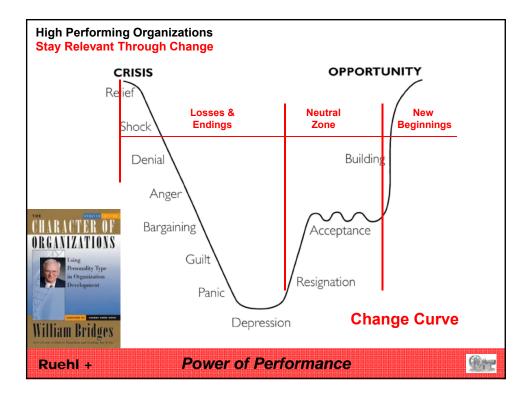




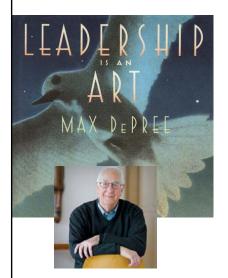








**High Performing Organizations Stay Relevant Through Change** 



The First
Responsibility of a
Leader
is to
Define Reality

**Max DePree** 

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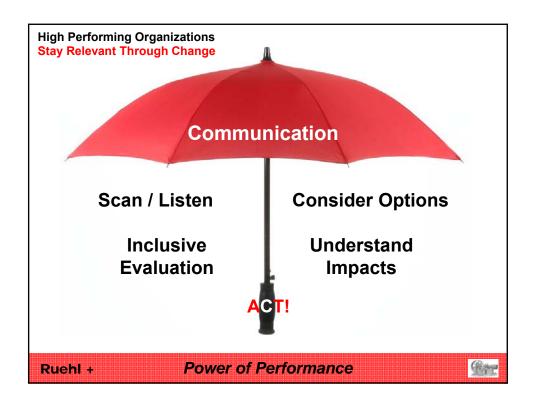
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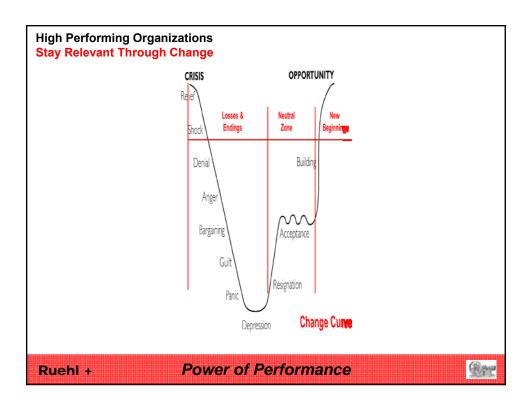
#### **Leaders must:**

- Constantly Scan & Listen
- Consider Optional Approaches
- Evaluate Inclusive Discussion
- Understand Impacts to People
- Courageously Act

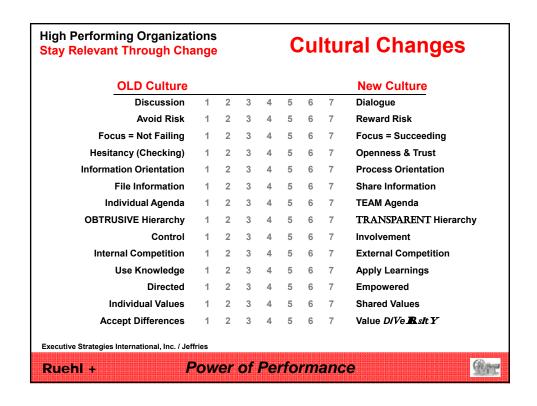
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**High Performing Organizations Know Where They Are Going** 

## How Will You Have A Conversation Regarding Trending Cultural Changes?

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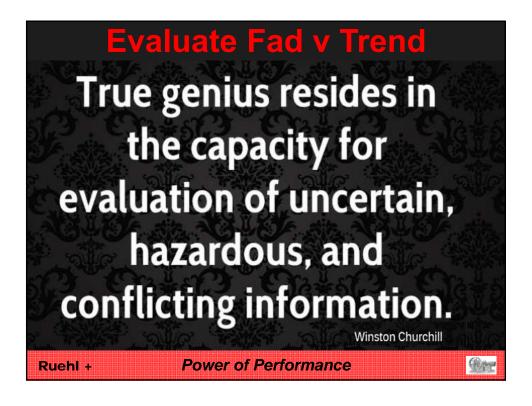


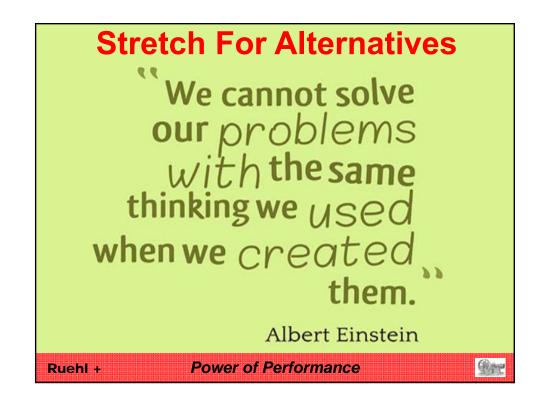
# 8 Inspirations (Steps) Leaders Take To Stay Relevant

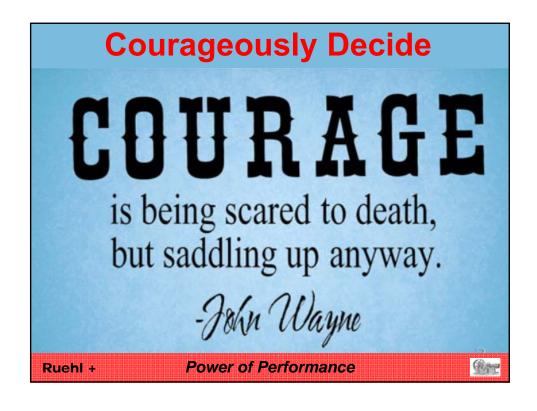
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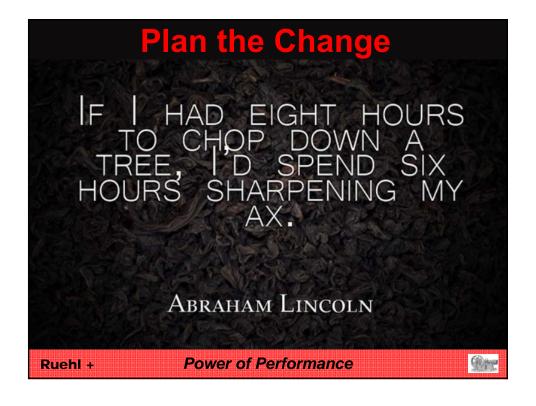












### Stay the Course

We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.

Max De Pree

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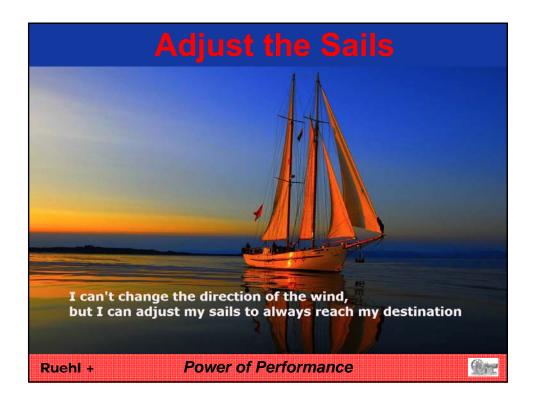
### **Seek & Understand Feedback**

The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand.

We listen to reply.

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"With One Minor Exception, the Entire World is Made Up of Others."

John Maxwell

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### Stay Relevant! Make a Difference!

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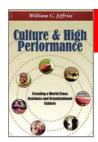
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### "Growing A High Performance Culture"

### **Cultural Self-Assessment**

Where Am I? A Where Are We?



Old Culture								New Culture
Discussion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Dialogue
Avoid Risk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Reward Risk
Focus = Not Failing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Focus = Succeeding
Hesitancy (Checking)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Openness & Trust
Information Orientation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<b>Process Orientation</b>
File Information	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Share Information
Individual Agenda	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TEAM Agenda
<b>OBTRUSIVE Hierarchy</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TRANSPARENT Hierarchy
Control	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Involvement
Internal Competition	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<b>External Competition</b>
Use Knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Apply Learnings
Directed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Empowered
Individual Values	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Shared Values
Accept Differences	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Value <i>DiV</i> e <b>R</b> s <b>i</b> tY

#### **Definitions**

- 1. Discussion vs. Dialogue: Top Down, One Way vs. Encouraged Bottom Up, Two Way
- 2. Risk Avoidance vs. Risk Rewarding: Status Quo vs. Willingness to Try/Embrace New Approaches
- 3. Not Failing vs. Succeeding: Focus/Vision of the Leadership Message
- 4. Hesitancy vs. Openness and Trust: Hesitant to Tell Whole Truth to Avoid Conflict vs. Honest Disagreement
- Information vs. Process Orientation: Focus of Meetings Updating/Sharing/Information vs. Challenge/Solve/Fix 5.
- 6. File Information vs. Share Information: Stratification/Protection of Information vs. Sharing Up and Down Organization
- 7. Individual Agenda vs. Team Agenda: Reward Individual vs. Team / Department vs. Team / Location vs. Team
- 8. Obtrusive vs. Transparency Hierarchy: Obsessive Attention to Hierarchy (Suck Up) vs. All Focused on Work & Customer
- 9. Control vs. Involvement: Directive, One Way Down vs. Learning/Doing It Together
- 10. Competition Within vs. Without: Focused on Competition for Internal Resources/Status vs. Competing Externally
- 11. Use Knowledge vs. Apply Learnings: Protection of Lessons Learned (Silos) vs. Wide Sharing of Lessons Learned/Change
- 12. **Directed vs. Empowered:** People are Directed vs. People Enabled to be Empowered
- Individual vs. Shared Values: Organizational Values Clear, Understood Internally and Externally, Behaviors Aligned **13**.
- 14. Accept Differences vs. Value Diversity: Race/Gender/Personality - Grudging Acceptance vs. Avid Valuing



Culture Of The Organization



#### How Do You Know What Matters?

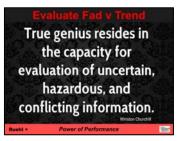
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- How they Care For People

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8 Steps To Staying Relevant

















Involve Inspire Invest Innovate









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