

Alignment Matters

Just think about the enormous number of individual components that needed to be in alignment for Apollo 11 to land safely on the moon. A massive task to understand, communicate, prepare, systemise, implement, monitor, adjust and manage.

NOTHING WAS LEFT TO CHANCE.

Our own lives and businesses operate on a different level, but they are none-the-less complex, with many 'components' contributing to the outcomes we experience and achieve.

In the last issue we covered the importance of having clarity in what is truly important to you. This clarity provides a compass heading for you to ALIGN your plans and actions with.

If you are looking at your own life and want to create specific experiences and outcomes that you truly care about, it follows that your success will depend upon how well all the various components of your life are aligned: your intentions, priorities, thoughts, beliefs, words and actions.

Then if you own a business, and want to create the experiences and outcomes that are important to you from a work, business and personal point of view, then the starting point for success must be to ensure that these are aligned with the compass heading you have set for your own life.

If you don't take enough care in making sure there is alignment here, you are not placing enough importance on achieving the outcomes you desire.

This is a critical stage to get right and, at this point, there is only ONE person involved. Once you add a business partner and/or team members the degree of difficulty

exponentially increases.

My recommendation to you, is to take this first step very seriously and make sure that your compass heading is broad in its coverage of all that is truly important to you, but with depth and clarity of meaning. If you choose a compass heading of two degrees south and 18 degrees west - and align your movements and actions in the direction the needle is pointing - you will get to the exact point you identified. Of course, you will still need to do what it takes along the way.

Then once you have alignment within yourself, you are in a good position to engage others - business partners / team members - to join you. It is important to remember that just as you have your own compass heading for your life, so does everyone else.

So the challenge is to make sure that when putting together (or managing) a team, that ALL compass headings are aligned. Let's just take two people for example - one has a compass heading of two degrees south and 18 degrees west; the other four degrees south and 10 degrees west. The outcomes and experiences will be very different. Now multiply this by, say, 15 people.

That's just the people - what about all the other components required for success?

*Do you care enough to manage
ALIGNMENT tightly, with care?
It impacts across your life.*

Go well.

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