

## **Executive Summary Leadership**

A Comprehensive Evaluation

Report For: Sample Report

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# The Integrated Performance Measurement Report for Making Great People Decisions



The Executive Summary will prove extremely valuable as you seek to make your great people decisions. It describes the strength of the three performance multipliers that have the unique capacity to amplify a person's credentials, e.g. the combination of hard skills and track record of success.

Leverage our 30 years of non-stop research and use what you will discover here to add a scientific performance component to your people processes. This tool can be used for employee selection and development as well as improving teamwork and interpersonal dynamics. It will assist you in dramatically reducing and even avoiding making poor people choices that are so costly, disruptive and frustrating.

## **Summary of the Three Performance Multipliers**

## The Critical Thinking Decision Making Measurement

<u>Critical Thinking</u> is the first and most important performance multiplier. It has the unique ability to calculate decision speed, the capacity to work effectively with others and make the right decisions while operating within the established framework of an organization.

The critical thinking measure is based upon the Nobel nominated research into human decision theory and is comprised of three sophisticated algorithms that calculate an individual's capacity to make the correct choices when faced with the problems, challenges and opportunities they encounter when applied to their areas of expertise.

The critical thinking decision measure reports on the capacity to:

- 1. Identify the core issues that are driving a problem, challenge or opportunity.
- 2. Create a workable solution for the identified core issue(s) needing attention.
- 3. Implement the workable solution that respects the guidelines of the organization and within the scope of the resources that are currently available to affect the solution.

## The Internal Motivator/Driver Measurement

The <u>Internal Motivators/Drivers</u> are the second performance multiplier. Based upon the Harvard research into human motivation, it measures the hierarchy and the relative strength of each of the seven universal human motivators and how they uniquely combine to form the ACTION STEPS an individual will WANT to take as they translate their critical thinking decisions into concrete plans and results. It indicates how an individual will overtly or covertly want to influence the results that reflect their most influential motivators.

## The DISC Behavioral or Communication Style Measurement

The <u>Behavioral or Communication Style</u> is the third performance multiplier. Fostered by 65 years of research into human interactive dynamics, this multiplier identifies the behavioral STYLE someone will use to communicate their motivated, critical thinking decisions to other people. Unlike other DISC tools that measure just four primary behaviors, we report the 12 integrated behavioral and communication factors that comprise the 15 most common behavioral and communication styles. These styles show how an individual's level of assertiveness, extroversion, patience and precision *uniquely combine* to form the overall behavioral display they'll most often use when sharing and communicating their ideas, beliefs, recommendations and fears with others.



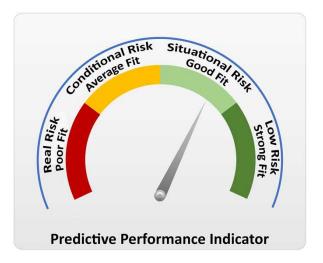
## **Integrated Performance Analysis for Sample Report**

How Critical Thinking, Internal Motivators and Behavior or Communication Style amplify this individual's credentials

## Sample Reports's Critical Thinking Decision Making Capacity

**Critical thinking is the first and most important performance multiplier**. It is presented as a function of risk (the probability for errors in judgment). The "Z score Risk factor" is also shown as an academic A, B, C or D score.

CRITICAL THINKING RISK LEVEL			
D	- C +	- B +	Α
		<b>✓</b>	
Cautionary	Average	Good	Strong Low
REAL	Conditional	Situational	Risk
Risk	Risk	Risk	Strong
Marginal	Average	Good Critical	Critical
Critical	Critical	Thinking and	Thinking and
Thinking and	Thinking and	Judgment	Judgment
Judgment	Judgment		



Sample Report's Critical Thinking "Z score" earns very good (B+ level) tactical or "practical next step" critical thinking and good (B level) "strategic or conceptual" critical thinking scores as they seek to resolve the job's typical Administrative and Individual Contributor problems, challenges and opportunities supported by their relevant administrative expertise and qualifications.

Review Sample Report's Prioritized Adm. strengths that support their ability to make effective decisions that will achieve their targeted results. We also present the *administrative performance blockers*. They are factors that can interfere with Joe's ability to optimize their strongest natural strengths. View the Key strengths & blockers below and the Top 10 blockers on the next page.

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#### **REPORT FOR Sample Report**



#### **Sample Report's Prioritized Critical Thinking Strengths**

**Intuitive Insight: (Managing Problems)-Low Risk** Very Good ability for relying on intuitive insight and inner 'gut' feelings for identifying and solving problems.

**Insight Into Others: (Managing Others)-Low Risk** Keen insight into others combined with a positive attitude builds a realistically optimistic evaluation of others.

**Persistence: (Getting Things Done)-Low Risk** Strong personal commitment to stay on track and complete goals and tasks regardless of what happens.

**Attitude Toward Others: (Managing Others)-Low Risk** Positive, open attitude toward others generates genuine concern about the needs and interests of others.

**Listening To Others: (Managing Others)-Low Risk** Ability and willingness to pay attention to the unique viewpoints of others, to their needs and concerns.

**Self Assessment: (Managing Self)-Low Risk** The ability to realistically see and understand how to utilize personal strengths in situations.

**Seeing Potential Problems: (Managing Problems)-Low Risk** Excellent capacity for identifying crucial issues in complex and confusing situations.

**Attention To Planning: (Planning And Organizing)-Low Risk** Strong sense of perfectionism and proactive thinking focuses on the consequence of decisions and actions.

#### **Sample Report's Prioritized Critical Thinking Blocker**

**Health/Tension Index: (Managing Self)-Real Risk/MGT-35B** Imbalance in their thinking can generate anxiety, frustration, and despair as they seek to match expectations to actions.

**Self Esteem: (Managing Self)-Conditional Risk/MGT-30B** Self-depreciation, tend to be too tough on and critical of themselves and to expect too much from themselves.

**Doing Things Right: (Managing Activities)-Conditional Risk/MGT-8B** Tend to set unrealistic expectations, to be out of touch and impatient with a world that will not or cannot live up.

**Conceptual Organization: (Planning and Organizing)-Conditional Risk/MGT-22A** Susceptibility to very stubborn and rigid thinking, especially as you seek to impose idealistic expectations on the world.

#### Strength Scoring Legend:

Low Risk = A Level Situational Risk = B Level Conditional Risk = C Level Real Risk = D Level

(Risk is the Probability of Judgmental Errors)

## Blocker Strength Scoring Legend:

Real Risk = D Level Conditional Risk = C Level Situational Risk = B Level Low Risk = A Level

(Risk is the Probability of Judgmental Errors)



#### Sample Report's Top 10 Leadership and Managerial Blockers

(With Access to Specific Interviewing Questions)

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expect too much from themselves.

Everyone has blockers! They are the factors that INTERFERE with one's ability to optimize their strengths. Here you will find this person's top 10 Ldr & Management blockers. The blockers are prioritized with the greatest interference first. (See Scoring Legend) Each blocker has a reference number shown in parenthesis. Use that number to gain powerful insights into each blocker (See bottom of page).

## **Prioritized Leadership and Management Blockers**

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Results Oriented: (Getting Things Done)-Conditional Risk/MGT-26B Lack of attention to results can generate a tendency to delay decisions or to overlook what needs to be done.

Role Satisfaction: (Managing Self)-Conditional Risk/MGT-33B Social or role uncertainty can lead them to feel frustrated or dissatisfied in their current circumstances.

Meeting Established Standards: (Managing Activities)-Conditional Risk/MGT-7B Strong sense of perfectionism can lead them to impose an inflexibility without regard to consequences of the decision.

**Attention To Policies & Procedures: (Managing Activities)-Situational Risk** Perfectionistic, stubborn thinking can lead them to insist on obeying rules and policies without exception.

**Using Common Sense: (Managing Problems)-Situational Risk** May have difficulty seeing what is important and needs attention potentially leading them to bump into the world.

Concrete Organization: (Planning And Organizing)-Situational Risk A tendency to organize things according to a program that is unrealistic and possibly out of touch with what is needed.

#### Want more detail about each of the above Leadership and Management Interfering Blockers?

- 1. Go to the online resource page: http://www.axiometrics.us
- 2. Enter the following Log In and Password

Log In: **UNDERSTANDING** Password: **BLOCKERS** 

- 3. Select Management Reference Manual Tab from the top of the page.
- 4. Select the corresponding blocker number [example (MGT-14-B)]. Clicking on that link will provide you with relevant information about the strength of the blocker, how it will likely impact the individuals and it also provides you with specific interview questions and tactics to explore the blocker. These insights will prove very helpful for selection and as a foundation for development and training efforts.

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#### **Sample Report's Management Core Competency Scores**

Below are the scores of the 35 management competencies that will direct, guide and focus Joe's credentials toward successful management results. View definitions: <a href="http://www.mauianalysis.com/competencies">http://www.mauianalysis.com/competencies</a>

Supporting Management	A Level Low Risk Strong Access to this	B Level Situational Risk  Good Access	C Level Conditional Risk  Average Access	D Level Real Risk Poor Access
Competencies Inventory	Strength	to this Strength	to this Strength	to this Strength
Working With Others				
Insight Into Others	<b>√</b>			
Attitude Toward Others				
Prejudice/Bias Index	<b>✓</b>			
Sensitivity to Others	<b>✓</b>			
Listening to Others	<b>✓</b>			
Talking At the Right Time	✓			
Managing Activities				
Meeting Established Standards			<b>-</b>	
Doing Things Right			✓	
Attention to Policies/Procedures		•		
Meeting Schedules & Deadlines		✓.		
Attitude Toward Authority		<b>✓</b>		
Attention to Concrete Detail		<b>✓</b>		
Problem Solving		1		
Evaluating What To Do		<b>•</b>		
Using Common Sense		<b>✓</b>		
Intuitive Insight	<b>✓</b>			
Seeing Potential Problems	✓			
Proactive Conceptual Thinking		<b>✓</b>		
Planning & Organizing				
Realistic Goal Setting		•		
Short Range Planning	<b>✓</b>	4		
Long Range Planning		<b>•</b>		
Concrete Organization		<b>✓</b>		
Conceptual Organization			✓	
Attention to Planning	✓			
Getting Things Done		1		
Self Confidence		✓		
Goal Directedness	<b>✓</b>		4	
Results Oriented			✓	
Ambition	<b>√</b>			
Persistence	<b>✓</b>			
Consistency	<b>✓</b>			
Managing Self				
Self Esteem			✓	
Self-Assessment	<b>√</b>			
Self-Control	<b>✓</b>		4	
Role Satisfaction	-		✓	
Flexibility and Adaptability	✓			
Health Tension Index*				<b>✓</b>

Note: The health tension index is a powerful measure that calculates the degree of frustration, disappointment and even anger that a person will feel when their ideas, recommendations and beliefs are not accepted by their manager, peers or co-workers. It is also a measure of the willingness to consider and accept alternative ideas and beliefs that differ from your own.



## **Understanding Sample Report's Critical Thinking Decision Pattern**

"Measuring what was thought to be unmeasurable!"

The Critical Thinking scores in this report are built on the Nobel Nominated research of Dr. Robert S. Hartman which discovered that humans have a consistent decision making pattern which can be measured. <u>Because decisions or choices precede action</u> and action translates into results, this decision making measurement allows us to predict a person's probable performance with a great deal of precision.

View the components that empower Joe's unique decision making pattern. The human mind evaluates and organizes **EVERYTHING** via 6 separate but integrated views – 3 are workplace focused (empathy, practical thinking and systems judgment) and 3 are internally focused (self-esteem, role awareness and self-direction). Each view has an element of **CLARITY or UNDERSTANDING** and an element of **BIAS/ATTENTION or IMPORTANCE**. These 12 bi-modal views (6 dimensions X 2 views each) combine to form the strength, i.e., clarity and bias/attention that form this person's critical thinking and their evaluative judgment. The integrated descriptors reflecting this person's pattern are shown in red.

Want more? View a short tutorial http://www.mauianalysis.com/think

## Here is Sample Report's decision making pattern:

Empathy – Knowing how your decisions impact OTHERS.  Clarity of understanding and the importance assigned to how their choices will be received by Other People.	Joe's Empathy score is CRYSTAL CLEAR with a positive, attentive bias. View how YOUR concern for other people's reactions will influence your decisions: KEENLY PERCEPTIVE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC PRESET.
Practical Thinking – Knowing how your decisions impact RESULTS.  Clarity of understanding and the importance assigned to how their choices and solutions will influence the Targeted Results.	Joe's Practical Thinking score is CLEAR with a negative, cautious bias. View Joe's valuation of how available alternative choices will impact the results: PERCEPTIVE CAUTIOUSLY PRAGMATIC DISCRETE PRESET.
System Judgment – Knowing how your decisions will impact RULES.  Clarity of understanding and the importance assigned to how their choices will work within the established Structure, Rules and Standards	Joe's System Judgment score is CLEAR with a positive, attentive bias. View how the "rules", structure and policy will influence your decisions: PERFECTIONISTIC IDEALISTIC STRUCTURED ANALYTICAL.
Self-Esteem – Knowing how your decisions will impact YOU. Clarity of understanding and the importance assigned to how their choices will impact HOW THEY VALUE THEMSELVES.	Joe's Self-Esteem score is CLEAR with a negative, inattentive bias. View how Joe views, understands and appreciates their own unique value. INATTENTIVE TO INNER SELF TOO DEMANDING ON AND CRITICAL OF THEMSELVES.
Role Awareness – Knowing how your decisions will impact your Current Life Role(s). Clarity of understanding and the importance assigned to how one's choices will impact how they value their CURRENT LIFE'S ROLES.	Joe's Role Awareness score is CRYSTAL CLEAR with a negative, inattentive bias. View how Joe believes their current role is supporting and contributing to their workplace satisfaction: KEENLY PERCEPTIVE HOLDING PATTERN FEELS DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS.
Self-Direction – Knowing how your decisions will impact your FUTURE.  Clarity of understanding and the importance assigned to how one's choices will CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE one is seeking to manifest.	Joe's Self-Direction score is CLEAR with a positive, overattentive bias. View how Joe believes their choices and circumstances will achieve the future they want for themselves: PERCEPTIVE PERFECTIONISTIC IDEALISTIC PERSISTENT INSISTENT.



## **Critical Thinking Scoring Legends**

"How one's clarity and bias combine to form every decision!"

## **Clarity = Understanding**

- 1. Crystal Clear Excellent understanding of the capacity.
- 2. Clear Clarity Good understanding.
- **3. Unconventional Clear Clarity** Good understanding that has a creative "out of the box" perspective.
- **4. Visible Clarity** Some aspects ARE visible and some aspects are invisible subject to errors in judgment.
- **5. Transition Clarity** Poor understanding with questions and confusion.

## **Bias/Attention = Importance of the clarity**

Inattentive [Double Negative (--)] bias = Little importance

Cautious [Single Negative (-)] bias = May not rely upon this view as a strength when making decisions.

Attentive [Single Positive (+)] bias = Considered important without losing balanced perspective.

Over Attentive [Double Positive] bias = Likely pay too much attention to this view. It will be considered VERY important

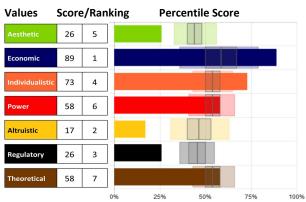


## Sample Report's Internal Motivators/Drivers More ▶ http://www.talent-survey.com/motivators

View the hierarchy and strength of the MOST INFLUENTIAL internal motivators or drivers that identify Joe's 'personal agenda.' These motivators uniquely combine to identify the 'ACTION STEPS' that will shape and influence priorities and decision tactics.



- 2. **Altruistic** (-) Prioritize solutions that support a focus more on business, financial and economic efforts.
- 3. **Regulatory** (-) Prioritize solutions that can often challenge the status quo and are open to change, creativity, and innovation.
- 4. **Individualistic** (+) Prioritize solutions that achieve a high level of personal freedom, autonomy & uniqueness.

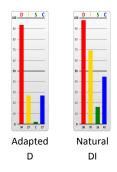


**Note:** Scores MOST above (+) OR below (-) the mean identify the motivators that will have the greatest influence on decision making.

## Sample Report's Behavior and Communication Style



**Primary Behavioral Style Overview**: Joe's style displays strong self-confidence that may be sometimes be viewed as arrogance. This style will pursue options that challenge them to achieve goals. They like difficult tasks, unique opportunities and will seek positions of authority. They avoid constraints and rules can be viewed as loose guidelines. They think rapidly and can become impatient and critical with more methodical and analytical people. In the extreme, they can appear cool and even abrasive



Primary Communication Style Overview: Joe communicates Situational Risk very good (B+ level) critical thinking in an overall DIRECT and GUARDED style. The DIRECT style is *emphatic*, competitive and results oriented. The GUARDED style is private, specific and logical. Joe delivers their communication style in an overall determined and unconstrained manner. Others will likely view Joe as someone who has a "now oriented pace" that is keyed toward taking actions and achieving results and immediate goals, who operates with a high degree of energy displayed in a freewheeling, confident and engaging style and who will not likely be deterred by potential restraints or procedures IF they are perceived to impede results.

## Sample Report's Key Behavioral Insights

Emotional characteristic: High ego strength and single-minded intensity.

Goals: Winning; achieving dominance and lack of restraint.

How others are valued: Via ability to accomplish tasks quickly and keep pace.

**Influences group:** Power of assertion and persistence to win.

Value to the organization: Will "get it done!"

Warning: Can become too impatient, and seek the "I win - You lose" scenario.

When under pressure: Critical and fault finding; can overstep bounds and not contribute fully to the team direction if different than their

Fears: That others will take advantage, appearing too accommodating or too slow to act.



## **Sample Report's Primary Communication Strengths:**

This is the "Show me the Performance ANSWERS page!"

Note: Your scores indicate:

- You are able to efficiently multi-task, maintaining control over many projects simultaneously.
- You are ready to take the credit or assume the blame for the results.
- You are highly driven toward solutions and success, and enjoy bringing others with you on the journey.
- You have the ability to be both firm and friendly, as the situation demands.
- · You have a strong ability to motivate and manage others through your optimistic attitude and firm delegation of tasks.
- You are able to direct and motivate others, while still being sensitive to their needs and concerns.
- You approach challenges in a forceful, direct, and bottom-line savvy manner.

## Sample Report's Performance Overview and Recommendations

## General Performance: Ability to perform within the areas of expertise

Relying upon the areas of expertise and qualifications, Joe is an individual who can call upon very good (B+ level) critical thinking to resolve the core administrative problems, challenges and opportunities they encounter. Joe's internal motivator hierarchy will filter/influence their choices and drive action steps that are based upon achieving a strong ROI via highly effective tactics, a focus on business, finance and economic efforts, a willingness to challenge the status quo, sustaining a high level of personal freedom and autonomy, a flexible, no frills approach to results, creating influence and control over projects & others and making low risk choices supported by past successes. Joe delivers the motivated critical thinking pattern in an overall Emphatic and Task Oriented manner. Be aware that the following attitudes will typically be reflected in their decisions: Perfectionistic, insists on doing things right, Optimistic about the world, Cautious attitude about themselves, Optimistic, positive attitude toward others and Cautious, hesitant attitude toward getting things done.

## Screening and Hiring: Ability to perform in a specific management role

As you consider the impact that the three reliable performance multipliers summarized above will have on Joe's credentials, we would view Joe as a very good individual who can be expected to deliver strong results in this role providing it is supported by their specific knowledge, industry experience and track record of past success. Based upon the survey results, Joe believes that their innate natural talents and abilities are a potentially good fit but is out of synch for their current role. Factor in this current role satisfaction as you consider new, expanded or alternative assignments for this individual.

## **Training & Development: Areas where Sample Report may need support**

#### **Note: Your scores indicate:**

- You tend to be a selective listener, hearing only what you want to hear.
- Rather than emphasizing the positive, you may sometimes be too critical with team results.
- Your strong ego may make you appear blunt and overly critical to those who may not share the same personality type. You may get more positive reactions by softening your approach and putting aside your ego.
- Your sense of urgency, coupled with your strong ego and optimism, may cause you to overstep your authority or scope.
- A combination of ego and optimism may lead you to act too impulsively at times.
- You could get better results from your team by exercising a greater degree of patience.
- While directing team projects, you may tend to avoid direct participation with others.

## Teamwork: Sample Report should thrive in teaming opportunities that provide

- Social recognition for accomplishments.
- Challenges in building new territory or networks of people.
- Non-routine assignments.
- Freedom from mundane, repetitive details.
- A high degree of contact with people, and an abundance of problems to solve.
- Management that is flexible as to your need for activity and change.
- Assignments involving motivational skills in leading others.

The Executive Summary Measures and reports the key universal success multipliers that are very difficult, if not impossible to gather via the face to face interview. It is designed to be used in alliance with your typical evaluation of any individual's credentials, job stability, references and track record of documentable past successes.



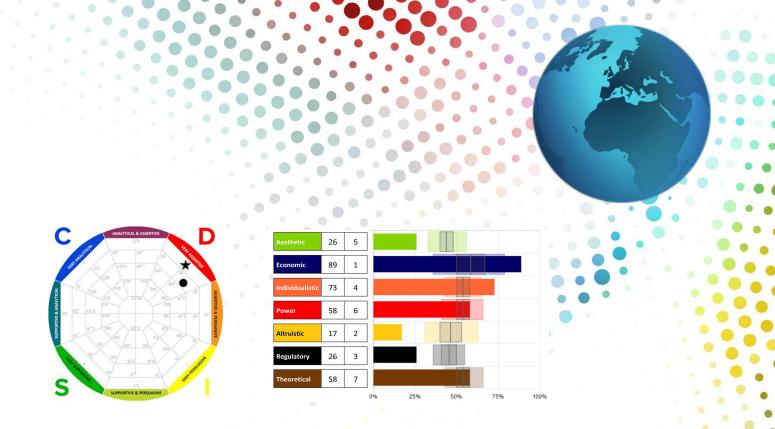
The first eleven (11) pages of this document comprise our unique, stand alone "Show me the Performance ANSWERS" Executive Summary report that identifies, measures and integrates the three (3) essential human performance factors that AMPLIFY or MULTIPLY the strength of any individual's credentials, hard skills or what they know how to do.

Built upon solid performance science, this is the "How to make Great People Decisions" human performance assessment that measures, melds and integrates any individual's Critical Thinking Decision Making Capacity, their unique hierarchy and strength of internal motivation and their DISC behavior/communication style that measures HOW the individual will deliver or share their motivated critical thinking decisions (supported by their credentials and track record) with others...AND MORPHS THOSE MEASUREMENTS INTO A RELIABLE PERFORMANCE ANSWER.

While others provide you with lots of disconnected data points that YOU have to decode and decipher, the eleven (11) page Executive Summary provides you with easy to read and easy to understand ANSWERS!

## Pages 13 – 78 (Supporting Documents)

The remaining pages provide you with the supporting documents that present the expanded details of the Harvard based research into Human Motivation or Drivers as well as the powerful communication insights available via the DISC style report. This includes the integrated 12 factor analysis that presents how each of the PRIMARY D I S C factors is impacted by the other three.



## **DISC Leadership** and **Motivators**

A Dual Evaluation of Behavioral & Motivational Styles

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## **Introduction to the DISC & Motivators Combined Report**

Research shows that the most successful people share the common trait of self-awareness. They're able to more quickly recognize situations that will make them more successful. With this personalized and comprehensive DISC and Motivators combined report, you have tools to help you become a better you.

**Please Note**: Any behavioral descriptions mentioned in this report are only **tendencies** for your style group and may or may not specifically apply to you personally.

#### Remember:

- DISC measures observable behavior and emotion.
- Motivators shows the values that drive our behavior and emotion.

When our DISC and MOTIVATORS are **in alignment**, we have personal **synergy**. When our DISC and MOTIVATORS **are not in alignment**, we experience personal **conflict or tension**.

## **How to Use This Report**

With this personalized and comprehensive DISC and Motivators combined report, you have tools to help you become a better you. The report is divided into 3 parts:

- Part II focuses on understanding each of the DISC styles through identifying characteristics, including the tendencies of each behavioral style. It also introduces the 7 Motivators that drive our behaviors and the definitions of each
- **Part III** reveals what makes you unique, through greater understanding of your own behavioral tendencies and blend of motivators.
- Part VI explores adaptability and offers actionable recommendations for you and others
  who interact with you, helping you use this information as effectively as possible for
  immediate results.



## PART II - UNDERSTANDING DISC & MOTIVATORS

#### **DISC STYLES**

DISC is a simple, practical, easy to remember and universally applicable model. It focuses on individual patterns of external, observable behaviors and measures the intensity of characteristics using scales of directness and openness for each of the four styles:

**Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Conscientious.** 

STYLE	TENDENCIES
Dominance	Tends to be direct and guarded
Influence	Tends to be direct and open
Steadiness	Tends to be indirect and open
Conscientious	Tends to be indirect and guarded

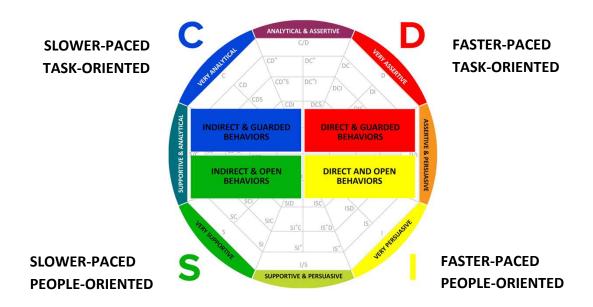
Using the DISC model, it is easy to identify and understand our own style, recognize and cognitively adapt to different styles, and develop a process to communicate more effectively with others. As you begin to explore the DISC styles and see them in your own life and in your relationships, keep in mind the following:

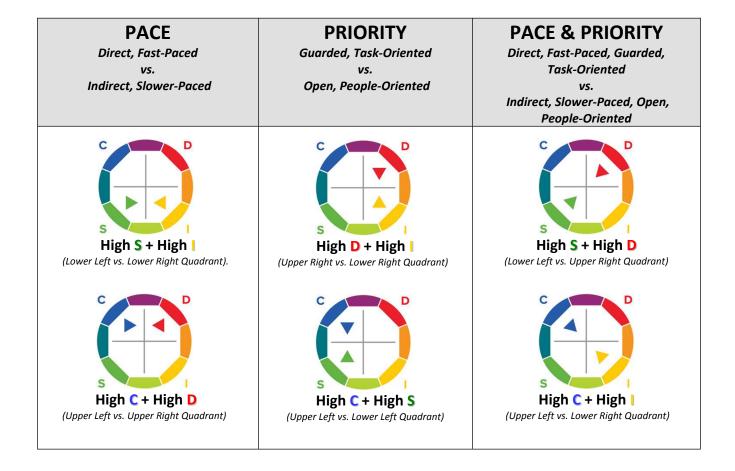
#### BEHAVIOR DESCRIPTORS OF EACH STYLE

DOMINANCE	INFLUENCE	STEADINESS	CONSCIENTIOUS
Decisive	Charming	Understanding	Accurate
Competitive	Confident	Friendly	Precise
Daring	Convincing	Good Listener	Analytical
Direct	Enthusiastic	Patient	Compliant
Innovative	Inspiring	Relaxed	Courteous
Persistent	Optimistic	Sincere	Diplomatic
Adventurous	Persuasive	Stable	Detailed
Problem Solver	Sociable	Steady	Fact Finder
Results Oriented	Trusting	Team Player	Objective



## PACE AND PRIORITY: Two main sources of tension between the styles







## **MOTIVATORS**

Research shows that the most successful people share the common trait of self-awareness. They're able to more quickly recognize situations that will make them more successful. As such, it's easier for them to find ways of achieving objectives that resonate and align with their motivations. Those who understand their natural motivators better are far more likely to pursue the right opportunities, for the right reasons, and get the results they desire.

**Motivation helps influence behavior and action**. It is vital for superior performance to ensure that your motivations are satisfied by what you do to drive your passion, reduce fatigue, and inspire you.

The Motivators assessment is the result of Dr. Eduard Spranger's and Gordon Allport's combined research into what drives and motivates an individual. The dimensions of value discovered between these two researchers identify the reasons that drive an individual to utilize their talents in the unique way they do. These pages will help you understand your motivations and drivers, providing a clear course on how to maximize your performance by achieving better alignment with your passion for what you do and your behavior.

## The Elements of the Motivation Index

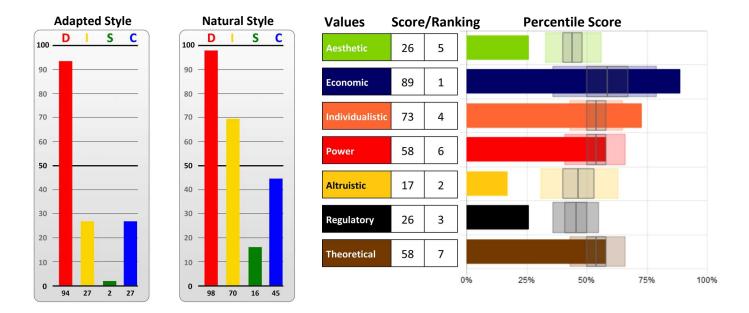
This Motivation Index is unique to the marketplace in that it examines seven independent and unique aspects of motivation. Most similar instruments only examine six dimensions of motivation by combining the Individualistic and Power into one dimension. This assessment remains true to the original works and models of two of the most significant researchers in this field, thus delivering to you a profile that truly helps you understand your own unique drivers.

## The Seven Dimensions of Motivation measured in this report are:





#### PART III - UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF



**DISC** describes you based on your observable behavior which can provide insights for others regarding your communication preferences and how you will likely interact with and respond to them.

**MOTIVATORS** describe you based on your values and beliefs. Understanding motivation helps reveal your preferences and why you do what you do. It is vital for aligned, superior performance that our motivators are satisfied by what we do.

Through this report you have an opportunity to discover (observe and evaluate) your behavioral responses in various environments and examine your unique values and what drives you to behave in the ways you do. You can explore your actions and reactions (and the actions and reactions of others) in a variety of situations and contexts to determine the most effective communication strategy or course of action to be sure you are living in alignment and able to express your best self.



## **DISC General Characteristics**

The narration below serves as a general overview of your behavioral tendencies. It provides a framework for understanding and reflecting on your DISC results. We've occasionally provided some coaching ideas so that you can leverage your strengths whenever possible to maximize your personal success.

Joe, you have a confident attitude and a forceful determination to succeed in any challenge you accept. Traits that fuel this attitude include your adventurous drive, realistic optimism, urgency, and your ability to challenge existing rules and protocol. This allows you to have an impact that positively affects the organization in ways that are new and innovative. Our coaching is designed to help you govern your inherent sense of urgency, so that others in the process don't feel left behind or ignored.

You are seen by others as a "mover and shaker" who jumps in to compete with the best. Your competitive spirit breeds a willingness to try new and difficult assignments. This can serve as a model of leadership to the organization. You have the ability to influence others, cooperate on a project, and to set the pace as to what needs to be done. You have the ability to delegate certain tasks with rapid speed. Our coaching shows how to delegate those tasks requiring lots of detail work, so that you can maintain focus on the "big picture" aspects of the project.

You are known to others as a self-starter: one who makes things happen rather than waiting for things to happen. You score like those who could be called "opportunists." They see a task that needs to be performed, or a system that needs to be changed, and take the initiative to effect the appropriate solution. This is a strength that can have enormously positive impact within an organization, as long as time and attention is spent to prevent negative fallout. As there are some who may not embrace change as quickly as you do, be certain to communicate plans clearly, and pre-condition those on the team who prefer the status quo.

You demonstrate a high degree of assertiveness and persuasiveness. This is a strength, as long as it is monitored and governed so as not to alienate others who may not be as outspoken as you are. People who score like you may be perceived by some to be overly aggressive. When you are working with those less assertive, attempt to soften your approach a bit, and you'll find them more willing to get on board with an idea or project.

Fueled by ego and optimism, you may be seen as a bold risk-taker by others, especially those who tend to be averse to taking risks. This is something that can be good for you and the team, because your input can take the team to new levels of accomplishment. As an individual, you have determined that this drive has helped you succeed in previous challenges.

Joe, the pattern of your responses indicates that you may be perceived as one who is very resourceful, well-networked, and influential. Your "people skills" allow you to be verbally fluent in speaking with others, and your risk-taking spirit allows you to bring a high level of influence and energy to projects. Your sense of urgency in getting things done contributes to your ability to create an active and efficient work climate.

Your score on the instrument shows that you are seen by others as flexible, versatile, and positive in all environments. Several traits combine to create this impression. Your quick thinking and decisiveness, your people skills, and your sense of urgency, all combine to create your spontaneous nature on the job. This can be of enormous value to the team, especially in presentations and negotiations.

You are able to see the "big picture" and communicate it clearly to others. Your rapid insight, quick analysis, and fluent verbal skills combine into a rare strength that allows you to articulate complex ideas in a concise manner, without embellishments and rambling. This helps in communicating with large groups with maximum clarity and minimum ambiguity.



## Your Behavioral Style: Results-Driven

Joe's style displays strong self-confidence that may be sometimes be viewed as arrogance. This style will pursue options that challenge them to achieve goals. They like difficult tasks, unique opportunities and will seek positions of authority. They avoid constraints and rules can be viewed as loose guidelines. They think rapidly and can become impatient and critical with more methodical and analytical people. In the extreme, they can appear cool and even abrasive

Below are some key behavioral insights to keep in mind and share with others to strengthen your relationships.

- Emotional characteristic: High ego strength and single-minded intensity.
- Goals: Winning; achieving dominance and lack of restraint.
- How others are valued: Via ability to accomplish tasks quickly and keep pace.
- Influences group: Power of assertion and persistence to win.
- Value to the organization: Will "get it done!"
- Cautions: Can become too impatient, and seek the "I win You lose" scenario.
- **Under Pressure:** Critical and fault finding; can overstep bounds and not contribute fully to the team direction if different than their own.
- Fears: That others will take advantage, appearing too accommodating or too slow to act.



## **WORD SKETCH - Adapted Style**

DISC is an observable "needs-motivated" instrument based on the idea that emotions and behaviors are neither "good" nor "bad." Rather, behaviors reveal the needs that motivate that behavior. Therefore, once we can accurately observe one's actions, it is easier to "read" and anticipate their likely motivators and needs.

This chart shows your ADAPTED DISC Graph as a "Word Sketch." Use it with examples to describe why you do what you do and what's important to you when it comes to (D)ominance of Problems, (I)nfluence of People, (S)teadiness of Pace, or (C)onscientiousness of Procedures. Share more about the specific needs that drive you in each area of FOCUS. If your DISC intensity scores at levels 1 and 2, your emotions and needs are the opposite of those at Levels 5 and 6 in that area.

	D	I I	S	C
DISC Focus	Problems / Tasks	People	Pace (or Environment)	Procedures
Needs	Challenges to solve, Authority	Social relationships, Friendly environment	Systems, Teams, Stable environment	Rules to follow, Data to analyze
Observable	Decisive, risk-taker	Optimistic, trust others	Patience, stabilizer	Cautious, careful decisions
Fears	being taken advantage of/lack of control	being left out, loss of social approval	sudden change/loss of stability and security	being criticized/loss of accuracy and quality
	argumentative	emotional	calming	accurate
	daring	enthusiastic	loyal	conservative
6	demanding	gregarious	patient	exacting
0	decisive	impulsive	peaceful	fact-finder
	domineering	optimistic	serene	precise
	egocentric	persuasive	team person	systematic
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	adventurous	charming	consistent	conscientious
5	risk-taker	influential	cooperative	courteous
	direct	sociable	possessive	focused
	forceful	trusting	relaxed	high standards
	assertive	confident	composed	analytical
4		friendly	deliberate	diplomatic
	determined	generous	stable	sensitive
	self-reliant	poised	steady	tactful
-	calculated risk	controlled	alert	own person
	moderate	discriminating	eager	self-assured
3	questioning	rational	flexible	opinionated
	unassuming	reflective	mobile	persistent
	mild	contemplative	discontented	autonomous
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## **WORD SKETCH - Natural Style**

DISC is an observable "needs-motivated" instrument based on the idea that emotions and behaviors are neither "good" nor "bad." Rather, behaviors reveal the needs that motivate that behavior. Therefore, once we can accurately observe one's actions, it is easier to "read" and anticipate their likely motivators and needs.

This chart shows your NATURAL DISC Graph as a "Word Sketch." Use it with examples to describe why you do what you do and what's important to you when it comes to (D)ominance of Problems, (I)nfluence of People, (S)teadiness of Pace, or (C)onscientiousness of Procedures. Share more about the specific needs that drive you in each area of FOCUS. If your DISC intensity scores at levels 1 and 2, your emotions and needs are the opposite of those at Levels 5 and 6 in that area.

	D	I	S	C
DISC Focus	Problems / Tasks	People	Pace (or Environment)	Procedures
Needs	Challenges to solve, Authority	Social relationships, Friendly environment	Systems, Teams, Stable environment	Rules to follow, Data to analyze
Observable	Decisive, risk-taker	Optimistic, trust others	Patience, stabilizer	Cautious, careful decisions
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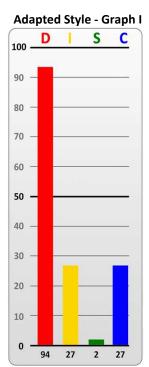


## **DISCstyles Graphs for Joe Hunt**

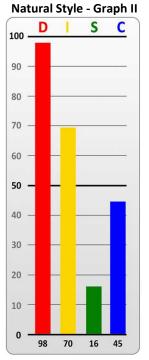
Your Adapted Style indicates you tend to use the behavioral traits of the **D style(s)** in your selected Work focus. Your Natural Style indicates that you naturally tend to use the behavioral traits of the **DI style(s)**.

Your Adapted Style is your graph displayed on the left. It is your perception of the behavioral tendencies you think you need to display to be successful in your focus situation. This graph may change when you change roles or situations.

The graph on the right is your Natural Style **and indicates the intensity of your instinctive behaviors.** It is often a better indicator of the "real you" and your "knee jerk", inherent behaviors. This is how you would choose to behave when you are most comfortable and there are no additional considerations or influences on your behavior. It is also what shows up in stressful situations. This graph tends to be fairly consistent, even in different environments.







Pattern: DI (6513)

If the bars are similar, it means that you tend to use your same natural behaviors in either environment. If your Adapted Style is different from your Natural Style, this may cause stress over a long period of time because you are using behaviors that are not as comfortable or natural for you.

The higher or lower each D, I, S, C point is on your graph, the greater or lesser that behavior impacts your results at work and with others around you. Once aware, you can adapt your style to be more effective. Can you change? Of course! You do it every day depending on your situations. However, permanent behavioral change comes only with awareness and practice.



## **Behavioral Pattern View**

The BPV has eight behavioral zones. Each zone identifies a different combination of behavioral traits. The peripheral descriptors describe how others typically see individuals with your style. Plots on the outer edges of the BPV identify that one factor (DISC) of your style will dominate the other three. As you move towards the center of the BPV, two and eventually three traits combine to moderate the intensity of your style descriptors within a specific behavioral zone. +The plus sign indicates that the preceding style score is higher, moving you closer to that style zone (i.e. CD+S: The D score is stronger than in CDS so it plots closer to the D behavioral zone).

#### THE SCORING LEGEND

D = Dominance: How you deal with Problems and Challenges

I = Influence: How you deal with People and Contacts

S = Steadiness: How you deal with Pace and Consistency

C = Conscientious/Compliance/Structure: How you deal with Procedure and Constraints

Data, Fact & Analysis Based. Precise & Accurate Trusts in the Value of Structure, Standards & Order. Sees the value of "Rules".

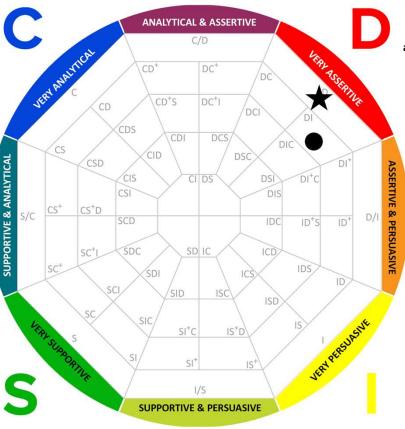
**Balances & Values Data** 

& Diplomacy, Mindful of the "Rules". Will be Goal Focused, Dislikes **Confusion and** Ambiguity.

**Very Patient & Favors** Stability and Structure. Not a Risk Taker, Likes to operate at a Steady, Even Pace.

> = Natural Behavioral Style = Adapted Behavioral Style

Efficient, Analytical, Organized, Factual, Aware of the Consequences of their Actions, Practical and Innovative.



Supportive & Persuasive, Good Team Player, Creates Good Will & provides Good Customer Service.

Assertive, Results Focused, Rapid Decisions, Will Seek Challenges, Can be Aggressive and Impatient, Desires to Lead.

> **Both Assertive and** Persuasive, Likely to embrace New Concepts, Often a Mover and a Shaker, Can be very outgoing with High Energy and Engaging Effort.

Very Outgoing & Persuasive, Very People Oriented, Quite **Optimistic Outlook, Strong** Communication Skills, Likes to have Variety in their day.



## MORE ABOUT YOUR DISC STYLE

In this portion of the report, you'll learn more about your DISC style behavioral tendencies and emotions. This information can be useful in helping you understanding your own behavior, and also support you in learning about and understanding others more effectively.

## **Communication Tips for Others**

The following suggestions can help others who interact with you understand and be aware of your communication preferences. To use this information effectively, share it with others and also discuss their preferences.

Check the two most important ideas when others communicate with you (dos & don'ts) and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

## When Communicating with Joe, DO:

- Plan to talk about things that support Joe's dreams and goals.
- Motivate and persuade Joe by pointing out objectives and expected results.
- Plan some extra time in your schedule for talking, relating, and socializing, but let Joe take the lead, and don't be surprised if the socializing ends abruptly.
- Give Joe the opportunity to express opinions and make some of the decisions.
- Be specific about what's needed, and who is going to do it.
- Join in with some name-dropping, and talk positively about people and their goals.
- Be prepared to handle some objections.

#### When Communicating with Joe, DON'T:

- Leave loopholes or vague issues hanging in the air.
- Ask rhetorical or useless questions.
- Be sloppy or disorganized.
- Get bogged down in facts, figures, or abstractions.
- Be overly task-oriented.
- Forget or lose things necessary for the meeting or project.
- Let the discussion with Joe get caught in dreams too much, otherwise you'll lose time.



## **Wants and Needs**

Motivation is the enthusiasm or willingness to do something. Everybody is motivated; however, all people are motivated for their own reasons, not somebody else's. Simply, people are motivated by what they want.

Our behaviors are also driven by our needs. Each style has different needs. If one person is stressed, they may need quiet time alone; another may need social time around a lot of people. Each has different ways to meet their needs. The more fully our needs are met, the easier it is to perform at an optimal level.

Choose the two most important wants and the two most important needs and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

#### You Tend to Be Motivated By:

- Having authority equal to the responsibility you are given.
- An environment that provides rapid advancement to positions of higher responsibility.
- New problems to solve and new challenges to address.
- Recognition for the skills, insight, and problem-solving you dedicate and contribute on a daily basis.
- The existence of a variety of challenges and goals which offer you opportunities to demonstrate your skills and abilities.
- A climate allowing for communication with new people.
- Having the power to control your own career destiny, and make the necessary choices and decisions in fulfilling that destiny.

#### People With Patterns Like You Tend to Need:

- A team of competent people who understand the urgency of important requirements.
- To understand the limits of your authority, and not to overstep those boundaries.
- To keep from overreacting to things.
- To negotiate with others in a real-time, face-to-face manner, as opposed to using electronic means.
- To realize that you may not always be the leader of every team or task force.
- A clear job description, in writing.
- The ability to get rapid answers to questions about the status of projects or activities.



## What You Bring to the Organization

This page provides useful insights for a job or as you work together on a team or family project. These are the talents and tendencies you bring. When used in environments that you are most effective in, you are likely to be self-motivated to accomplish great things. It is possible that you may not always be in an environment that allows you to be your best. We recommend you speak with your leader to see what can be incorporated into your current environment to help maintain your motivation. Check the two most important strengths, the two most important work style tendencies and the two most important environmental factors and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

## Your Strengths:

- You are able to efficiently multi-task, maintaining control over many projects simultaneously.
- You are ready to take the credit or assume the blame for the results.
- You are highly driven toward solutions and success, and enjoy bringing others with you on the journey.
- You have the ability to be both firm and friendly, as the situation demands.
- You have a strong ability to motivate and manage others through your optimistic attitude and firm delegation of tasks.
- You are able to direct and motivate others, while still being sensitive to their needs and concerns.
- You approach challenges in a forceful, direct, and bottom-line savvy manner.

#### Your Work Style Tendencies:

- You tend to be a very resourceful person -- well-networked and influential.
- You seem to thrive in positions of power, authority, and responsibility.
- You may be perceived by some as aggressive, in your strong determination to meet or exceed expectations.
- You tend to express a very high sense of urgency on projects and work tasks.
- You expect others to keep up and maintain a rapid pace.
- You are self-confident and actively seek challenging projects.
- You are able to take charge of a project, even in mid-stream, and work hard to make it a success.

#### You Tend to Be Most Effective In Environments That Provide:

- Social recognition for accomplishments.
- Challenges in building new territory or networks of people.
- Non-routine assignments.
- Freedom from mundane, repetitive details.
- A high degree of contact with people, and an abundance of problems to solve.
- Management that is flexible as to your need for activity and change.
- Assignments involving motivational skills in leading others.



## The D Style

## Under Stress - Perceptions, Behavior and Needs for the D

Stress is unavoidable. The perceptions of our behavior may have a significant impact on our effectiveness - both in how we perceive ourselves and how others perceive us. The way we behave under stress can create a perception that is not what we intend. The descriptions below of perceptions by others may seem somewhat extreme at times (especially if our behavior is an over-extended strength that becomes a weakness or limitation). As you understand these perceptions more clearly, you are able to modify your behavior to maximize your own effectiveness and ensure that others see you as you intend.

## **Potential Self Perception:**

- Self-starter
- Trail-blazer
- Independent thinker
- Multi-tasks effectively

#### **Under Stress You Need:**

- Tangible evidence of progress
- Accomplishments
- Control of the situation and yourself

## Your Typical Behaviors in Conflict:

- You are quite comfortable with conflict, aggression and anger. Many times you may not realize the impact your behavior has on others. In other instances, however, you may consciously choose anger and aggression as a tactical weapon. In any case, you are likely to increase the level of aggression.
- Your passion to win may result in win/lose situations, making it difficult for others to work with you.
- Since you tend to focus on your own results, you may tend to become autocratic in order to get your way.

#### Strategies to Reduce Conflict and Increase Harmony:

- You need to include all the people involved with a project in your decision-making process. Ask for their input on a regular basis and take it into consideration. You can still make the final decision; however, it is likely to be a more informed decision and the others are more likely to buy into it.
- You need to take time to express your ideas and instructions fully and clearly; asking questions to ensure
  that everyone understands. Time spent clarifying your message up front will result in more efficient
  operations later.
- Avoid creating controversy or "stirring up the pot" just to keep things interesting. This may increase your own energy for the task; however, it is likely to have a serious negative effect on many others.

## **Under Stress, May be Perceived by Others:**

- Oversteps authority
- Overly critical of others
- Lacks detail focus
- Impatient with others who are slower



## **Potential Areas for Improvement**

Everyone has struggles, limitations, or weaknesses. Oftentimes, it's simply an overextension of our strengths which may become a weakness. For example, a High D's directness may be a strength in certain environments, but when overextended they may tend to become bossy.

As you consider ways to continue to improve to be a better communicator, we recommend you focus on no more than two at a time, practice and strengthen them, and then choose another area to focus on and improve.

Check the two most important areas you are committed to improve upon and transfer them to the Summary of Your Style page.

## **Potential Areas for Improvement:**

- You tend to be a selective listener, hearing only what you want to hear.
- Rather than emphasizing the positive, you may sometimes be too critical with team results.
- Your strong ego may make you appear blunt and overly critical to those who may not share the same
  personality type. You may get more positive reactions by softening your approach and putting aside your
  ego.
- Your sense of urgency, coupled with your strong ego and optimism, may cause you to overstep your authority or scope.
- A combination of ego and optimism may lead you to act too impulsively at times.
- You could get better results from your team by exercising a greater degree of patience.
- While directing team projects, you may tend to avoid direct participation with others.



## 12 Behavioral Tendencies - Summary

The primary styles - **D**, **I**, **S**, and **C** - are each influenced by the other three styles in our behavioral expression. You are not just **one** of these styles; you are the result of all four combining and affecting each other. The following behavioral tendencies are scored based on the way your DISC styles combine and influence one another. On this page you'll see all 12 Behavioral Tendencies in Summary, and the following pages deliver more detail about each of these measurements.

Behaviors	Natural	Adapted
<b>Personal Drive</b> How this individual's own goals move things forward.	Self-Driven	Self-Driven
Customer & Team Interaction  How this individual engages with customers and stakeholders, internal and external.	Engaging	Engaging
<b>Providing Instruction</b> How this individual dictates directions and expectations.	Directive & Compulsive	Directive & Compulsive
Accuracy How this individual focuses on correctness and exactness.	Precision	Precision
Self-Reliance How this individual works within a team.	Directive	Directive
<b>Expressing Openness</b> How this individual is most comfortable expressing themselves.	Social	Situational
<b>Reasoning</b> How this individual uses evidence to think through and solve problems.	Intuition-based	Situational
Building Rapport  How this individual focuses when interacting with others.	Results-Focused	Results-Focused
Work Process Alignment  How this individual focuses on process to follow through on work.	Accuracy	Accuracy
<b>Prioritizing</b> How this individual determines the order for dealing with items or tasks based on established rules and structure.	Results	Results
Careful Decision Making  How this individual approaches decisions and actions.	Impulsive	Impulsive
Change Resistance How this individual resists engaging with change.	Drives Change	Drives Change



## 12 Behavioral Tendencies - Details & Graphs

For each of the 12, you will see a graph and personalized statement for your Natural and Adapted style. These scores and statements reveal which of your style combinations are most observable and describe how you express that tendency based on your DISC blend.

#### **Interpretation Notes:**

business should be just business.

Adapted (HM): Consistent with natural style

- 1. **Frequency Observed**: The behavioral tendencies are presented in the order from Most Frequently Observed to Least Frequently Observed.
  - o HI Clearly observed in most situations, seen more often
  - HM Frequently observed in many situations
  - o **MOD** May or may not be observed depending on the situation
  - o **LM** Sometimes observed in some situations
  - LOW Absence of the behavior in most situations
- 2. **Direction of your score** As the graph **moves to the right or left**, it shows how you will likely express the behavior. If the graphs are near the center, the result is a balancing behavioral effect that will depend on the situation.
- 3. **General Population Comparison** The **blue box** represents the general population in this behavioral tendency. Approximately 68% of people score in this range.

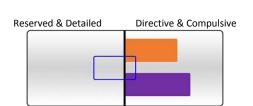
## Situational **Personal Drive** Others-driven Self-Driven Natural (HI): You are self-determined, focused on taking immediate actions that achieve immediate results and goals. You will likely be driven to action based on your own needs and motivations and are likely a self-starter. Be aware that it can be appropriate to support and help others as well. Adapted (HI): Consistent with natural style **Customer & Team Interaction** Supporting Engaging Natural (HM): You are somewhat engaging, charming, persuasive, and influential, often connecting with others in a way that builds trust and confidence. You are more likely to focus on engaging with the others to create a relationship, interacting with them to build a friendship to ensure they will come back to work with you directly. Sometimes



## **Providing Instruction**

Natural (HM): You are somewhat direct and results-focused, and may prefer to set the course and direct others, rather than following the set expectations. Engaging with others for additional thoughts and perspectives can lead to better outcomes.

Adapted (HI): You are assertive, direct and results-focused, likely to resist set expectations, preferring to set your own course and outline directions for others to follow. Sometimes providing more detail and engaging with others for additional thoughts can lead to greater outcomes.

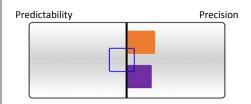


**Situational** 

#### **Accuracy**

Natural (HM): You frequently focus on carefully and deliberately ensuring high-quality outcomes with great importance on accuracy, structure, order and precision in all you do. You are likely to focus on being and doing things right. While doing it the right way can impact success dramatically, it is also helpful to have dependability and uniformity in planning processes.

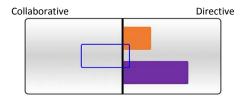
Adapted (HM): Consistent with natural style



#### **Self-Reliance**

Natural (HM): You are quite results driven, focused on accomplishing things quickly and efficiently and are likely to do so mostly independently and directively. You will likely do your best work independently when you can manage your productivity and efficiency autonomously. Be sure you are not distancing yourself too much.

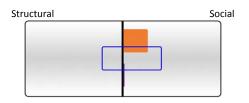
**Adapted (HI):** You are very results driven, focused on accomplishing things now and are likely to do so independently and directively for efficiency. You will likely do your best work independently when you can manage your productivity and efficiency autonomously. Be sure you are not distancing yourself too much.



#### **Expressing Openness**

Natural (HM): You are somewhat comfortable when interacting with others, quick paced and focused on personal connections, and may tend to elaborate to engage with others. You are likely to be most confident and comfortable when interacting with others, and are likely to trust information passed along through people you trust. Remember, sometimes having the support documentation is important too.

**Adapted (MOD):** Your comfort is balanced between your ability to interact with others and build personal connections, while still maintaining a focus on structure, detail and accuracy, and you may struggle with maintaining a consistent pace or focus. You can be confident with both social interactions and information to support your perspective.



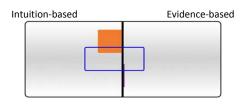


#### Situational

#### Reasoning

Natural (LM): You often rely on your feelings and interactions with others to make decisions, choosing what is likely to be social acceptable. You are likely to think things through based on emotions over logic, trusting your gut. Be aware that balanced thinking looks at both the emotions and the logic.

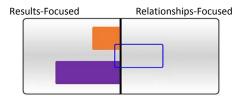
Adapted (MOD): You may rely somewhat on your feelings and interactions with others to make decisions, and choose what is likely to be considered acceptable but will seek to back up judgments with evidence and verification. When reasoning, you likely rely on a balanced approach of logic and emotion, and look at the circumstances with a logical perspective and also paying attention to what feels right.



#### **Building Rapport**

Natural (LM): You are somewhat results driven in your interactions, preferring not to connect socially unless there is a specific outcome or purpose. You are more likely to focus on results with a desire to reach a goal or complete a task, rather than connecting or building relationship. Remember, others may like to get to know you more when working together.

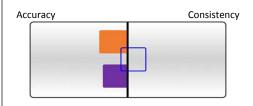
Adapted (LOW): You are very results driven in your connections with others, interacting only as required to reach a specific outcome or purpose. You are more likely to focus on results with a desire to reach a goal or complete a task, rather than connecting or building relationship. Remember, others may like to get to know you more when working together.



#### **Work Process Alignment**

Natural (LM): Your process and follow through is often driven by upholding quality standards to be sure what you are doing is accurate and precise. You are likely to process information and follow through with exactness and precision as a focus. There are times when consistency is as important as accuracy. Don't forget to balance them.

Adapted (LM): Consistent with natural style



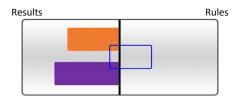


#### Situational

#### **Prioritizing**

Natural (LM): You often focus specifically and directly on results now and take actions that target immediate accomplishment, and are less concerned with the established guidelines. You will likely prioritize and focus on the results and the bottom line. While the end result is certainly a key component of what should take priority, be sure you are also aware of the rules and constraints of your situation.

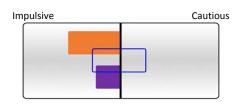
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#### **Careful Decision Making**

Natural (LM): You are somewhat impulsive based on feelings rather than taking the time toconsider the risks and consequences. You are likely to make decisions spontaneously and emotionally, trusting your gut and going with what feels right. Sometimes it is important to see if it makes sense too, not just feels good.

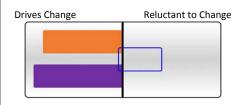
Adapted (LM): Consistent with natural style



#### **Change Resistance**

Natural (LOW): You can be resolute and determined in times of change, desiring to have the authority to command and direct activities and reach immediate results and solutions. You are likely to respond/interact in change by driving action and facing it head on as it comes. You may even want to change things just to see how it can be different. Sometimes keeping things consistent is good too.

Adapted (LOW): Consistent with natural style





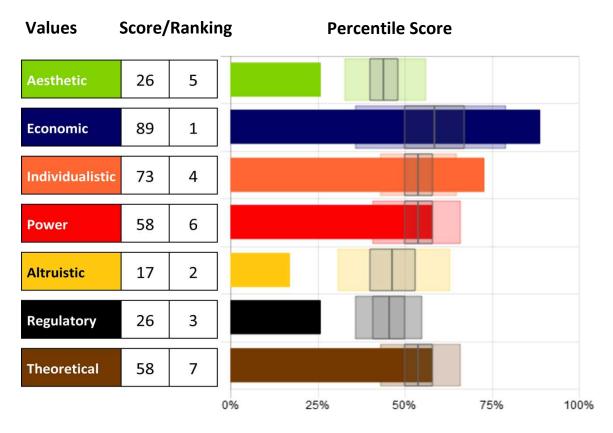
## **Summary of Sample Report's DISC Style**

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## **Summary of Sample Report's Motivation**



- 1. The **lightly colored**, **shaded area** for each Motivator highlights **the majority of the population's scores**. This means that if you took a normal sample of motivator scores and ranked the scores from 1 100, you can expect that a majority of the scores would fall inside the shaded area. This indicates if most of the population scores higher or lower in the dimension. Are you similarly driven in your Motivators as most others are?
- 2. The **norm box** (small box plot) represents the **AVERAGE** scoring range. The scores inside this box represent the scores of people who are **more like everyone else** (therefore, it is considered **normal**). When your score falls inside the norm box, it is **situational**; you consistently ranked the statements of that dimension **both high and low**.
- **3.** The **line in the center** of the box plot represents the **median score**. Like the median in a road, the median divides the range of scores into equal halves. 50% of the scores are above the median line and 50% of the scores fall below the median line.
- 4. The colored bar is aligned to your score from 1-100. These reveal the level of importance of that motivator to you. Higher numbers mean you consistently ranked the motivator as more important & lower numbers mean the motivator was consistently ranked less important. The number also reveals placement in *Very Low, Low, Average, High and Very High*. The people who score within each group share common traits and descriptions (i.e. those who have *Very Low* scores will share common values with one another).
- 5. Your ranking reveals how influential the Motivators are to your behavior and decisions in order from 1-7. Keep in mind that some Motivators have relationships with other Motivators that strengthen them, but this is a true 1 through 7 ranking based on which are individually most impactful.



# A Closer Look at the Seven Motivator Dimension Scores

Each descriptor below reveals your preference for shaping behavior and indicates what energizes you.

Motivator	Low Score Energized by	High Score Energized by
Aesthetic	Grounded Pragmatic and tangible approaches that bring concrete and reliable results.	Eccentric Achieving equilibrium and harmony between the world around you and yourself.
Economic	Satisfied Less competitive approaches and being more satisfied with what you already have.	Self-Mastered Self-interest, economic gains, and achieving real-world returns on efforts.
Individualistic	Secure  Not seeking the limelight, keeping ideas to yourself, and less likelihood of self- promotion.	Unrestricted Expressing your autonomy and freedom from others' ideas and protocols.
Power	Submissive Supporting other people's efforts and a less focused approach to owning your own personal space.	Domineering Directing and controlling people, environments, and personal spaces.
Altruistic	Self-Focused Focusing on personal wants and needs and taking a more suspicious stance towards the moves of others.	Pushover Helping and eliminating pain and suffering of others at personal cost.
Regulatory	Defiant Remaining independent of as opposed to depending on the restrictive ideas of others.	Black & White Establishing routine, order, and setting boundaries for yourself and others.
Theoretical	Dis-Interested  A more dismissive view of gathering new information and discovery while relying more on your natural instincts and past experiences for answers.	Scholarly Activities towards knowing everything that can be known about what you believe to be important and truthful.



# **Details of Sample Report's Motivation**



### **Aesthetic - Very Low**

You appreciate real-world approaches and "feet on the ground" thinking and will view those with their "head in the clouds" as impractical.



# **Economic - Very High**

You will appreciate bottom-line results and will likely have a strong competitive "me first" thinking set.



# Individualistic - Very High

You will seek independence, freedom, and positions of autonomy where you can freely express and display your reasoning.



# Power - High

You will endeavor to own the roles and responsibilities under your leadership and control.



# **Altruistic - Very Low**

You will be difficult to take advantage of and will excel in areas of self-interest.



### **Regulatory - Very Low**

You may subvert or break the rules you feel don't apply and believe in multithreaded approaches to solving problems.



# Theoretical - High

You will learn whatever you need to know to get the job done and then some.



# **Sample Report's Motivator Word Matrix**

Eccentric	Self-Mastered	Unrestricted	Domineering	Pushover	Black & White	Scholarly
Impractical	Maximized	Independent	Forceful	Sacrificial	Fixed	Fact-Finder
Unconventional	Competitive	Self-Reliant	Authoritative	Accommodating	Systemic	Studious
Divergent	Incentivized	Creative	Controlling	Obliging	Orderly	Investigative
Imaginative	Practical	Balanced	Directive	Supportive	Disciplined	Inquisitive
Sensible	Judicious	Cooperative	Influential	Helpful	Open-Minded	Reflective
Realistic	Relaxed	Accommodating	Supportive	Self-Protective	Flexible	Street Smart
Practical	Aloof	Supportive	Yielding	Suspicious	Independent	Intuitive
Real World	Apathetic	Apprehensive	Passive	Distrusting	Spontaneous	Surface Analyzer
Grounded	Satisfied	Secure	Submissive	Self-Focused	Defiant	Dis-interested
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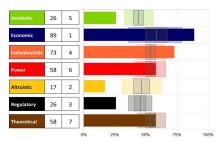
# This charting of your descriptors provides a better sense of what drives your motivation.

The motivator word matrix translates your numeric score into a one-word description and places each word in a relative position to other descriptors.

By labeling your numeric score with one word you can better understand, describe and locate your motivator orientation.



# **Your Aesthetic Motivator - Very Low**



The Aesthetic Motivator: Strong desire and need to achieve equilibrium between the world around us and ourselves (within) while creating a sustainable work/life balance between the two. Creative, imaginative, arty, mystical and expressive, this style may redefine or resist real world approaches to current challenges.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You may view "feeling good" as a secondary and not a primary driver at work.
- You are not likely to connect with impractical ideas emotionally or professionally.
- You believe something's usefulness is more important than its appearance.
- You likely believe creative people waste time and are too focused on non-essentials.



#### **Driving Intuitions:**

- To maintain your highest level of motivation, avoid getting involved with emotional issues and drama.
- To you, rational goals with productive outcomes are what matter the most.
- You will not likely appreciate aesthetic improvements if they are not practical or warranted.
- · Aesthetic workplace changes or remodeling may not be welcomed or appreciated, unless it supports success.



### **Critical Advantages:**

- You see what is useful where others may miss the best application.
- You are likely a real-world thinker and may fight as opposed to negotiate to win.
- Your down-to-earth style aids in your rational approach to life and work.
- You have a levelheaded approach to life and business.



# **Growth Opportunities:**

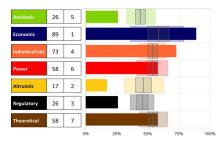
- Try to appreciate the value others have for the environment, nature, and creative ideas.
- Being creative isn't always a waste of time.
- Some might consider your attitude towards select people to be too critical and cold-hearted.
- You may need to adjust and not be so practical when in group settings.



- You need workable solutions and will bring them to bear.
- You will connect hands-on learning to training benefits.
- You will likely connect training benefits to business opportunities.
- You may do well with a small group where you can focus on useful concepts.



# Your Economic Motivator - Very High



**The Economic Motivator**: The motivation for security from self-interest, economic gains, and achieving real-world returns on personal ventures, personal resources, and focused energy. The preferred approach of this motivator is both a personal and a professional one with a focus on ultimate outcomes.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You like rewards based on the results you achieve rather than on the method used to obtain them.
- · You are typically interested in what makes logical sense and gives a greater return for your efforts.
- You may want to surpass others in material and monetary rewards.
- Sales, technical, or management training programs must demonstrate a bottom-line gain as a result of your participation.



### **Driving Intuitions:**

- You will not like people who take credit for others accomplishments.
- You have no problem rewarding high performance in tangible and monetary ways.
- You provide substantial room for financial rewards for excellent performance.
- Remember that you have a heightened awareness of wasted time and material.



# **Critical Advantages:**

- You are highly industrious, self-interested, and resolute in your thinking.
- You will ask yourself, "What am I getting out of this" before engaging in opportunity.
- You want returns that are "equal to" or "greater than" whatever you put into something.
- You have high motivation to achieve and win in a variety of areas.



#### **Growth Opportunities:**

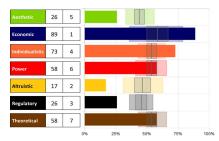
- You may need to focus more attention on others and less on yourself.
- You need to know that not having money is not a sign of laziness.
- · You may need to slow down and enjoy being with others not just competing and comparing yourself with them.
- You should learn to appreciate creative people who are less practical in their approach to things.



- You would be suited for creating competitive activities between team members.
- You should link learning outcomes to the ability to become more effective in increasing earnings.
- You should provide some rewards or incentives for participation in additional training and professional development.
- Your scores are like those who want information that will help them increase bottom-line activity and effectiveness.



# Your Individualistic Motivator - Very High



**The Individualistic Motivator**: Need to be seen as autonomous, unique, independent, and to stand apart from the crowd. This is the drive to be socially independent and have opportunity for freedom of personal expression apart from being told what to do.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You really enjoy doing your own thing your own way.
- You will seek your own personal niche where you can be seen as unbelievable.
- You may be very different, but not always valuable when it comes to creative ideas.
- You will likely have out-of-the-box ideas and want to share them.



#### **Driving Intuitions:**

- · You may have expanded on current ideas and need to be aware that unless you push for them, they'll go unnoticed.
- You need the freedom and autonomy to bring your ideas to a conclusion.
- Many times your style thinks outside the box, but you may keep it to yourself if you're the quiet type.
- You must realize you don't do things in the standard, traditional way.



### **Critical Advantages:**

- You are likely to be fearless with calculated risks.
- You will have a variety of outstanding ideas to choose.
- Your ideas are likely to be forced to the forefront because of your need to be seen as unique.
- Your energy and expressive intuition enables you to think like MacGyver.



### **Growth Opportunities:**

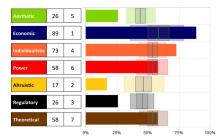
- Sometimes innovation isn't the answer when existing processes will do.
- Your potential value can clash with realistic people who think in only real-world terms.
- Sometimes your extremely exclusive process isn't the most effective or efficient means to an end.
- · Be aware that being different may be too important to you and may turn certain people types off.



- You need hyper flexibility and freedom to create when learning new things.
- You'll need a large amount of creative space when working with teams.
- You must link the benefits of learning new things to your personal ability to recreate new ways of doing things.
- You need a wide variety of options available to you.



# **Your Power Motivator - High**



**The Power Motivator**: Being seen as a leader, while having influence and control over one's environment and success. Competitiveness and control is often associated with those scoring higher in this motivational dimension.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You enjoy making your own decisions or calling your own shots.
- You may find it difficult to listen in order to understand where others are coming from especially if you disagree.
- You don't like people who take credit for something they didn't do.
- You need to direct and control subordinates as opposed to letting them control themselves.



#### **Driving Intuitions:**

- You should understand that some people might see you as controlling.
- You should know that yielding your position is not always a bad idea.
- You should be open to sharing information with others when necessary.
- You should recognize that some people may want to question your decisions and it's okay.



### **Critical Advantages:**

- You will likely advance quickly within your area of expertise.
- You will likely take initiative without having to be asked.
- You may believe you will be victorious before you start.
- You won't likely need any help with whatever you are doing.



#### **Growth Opportunities:**

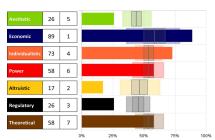
- Sometimes your need to be in control will be unappreciated by others.
- You may overpower those who struggle making decisions.
- You might be too quick to shut others out of your decisions.
- You may get caught up in selling yourself instead of your idea.



- Some will see you as someone they may want to follow; step up when this happens.
- You'll sometimes desire more of your own space when working with groups of people.
- You can appreciate a variety of options when making decisions with others.
- You like to think for yourself when learning new things.



# **Your Altruistic Motivator - Very Low**



The Altruistic Motivator: An expression of the need or energy to benefit others at the expense of self. At times, there's genuine sincerity in this dimension to help others, but not always. Oftentimes an intense level within this dimension is more associated with low self-worth.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You will likely be distrusting of most people.
- You will easily spot those who take advantage of people.
- You may survive, as opposed to a thrive, in life and business.
- You will protect your own turf and post a guard at your gate.



### **Driving Intuitions:**

- Your approach will likely be unemotional.
- Your no-nonsense approach could easily be misunderstood by the more sociable people types.
- You respond better to logic and reason and will likely rebuff touchy-feely approaches.
- Remember that there will be a decent amount of people that may believe you don't like them.



### **Critical Advantages:**

- You have little to no patience for ignorance.
- You are not afraid to say "no."
- You will make decisions that will benefit your future.
- You are able to do the harder things when it comes to people decisions.



#### **Growth Opportunities:**

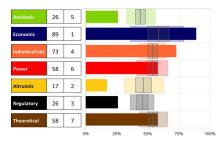
- Remember that some people simply take longer to learn.
- Even though you may care about people, some will think you have a funny way of showing it.
- You may be cutthroat when competing with others.
- You will likely be avoided by emotional "feeler" types who need to be liked.



- You may need to step back and realize your strength when working with passive types.
- · You may not enjoy cooperative learning activities as opposed to activities that require directing and controlling.
- You will likely enjoy group activities that support your personal agenda.
- Being forceful isn't bad, but sometimes it scares people if it's too strong.



# **Your Regulatory Motivator - Very Low**



**The Regulatory Motivator**: A need to establish order, routine and structure. This motivation is to promote a black and white mindset and a traditional approach to problems and challenges through standards, rules, and protocols to color within the lines.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You believe nothing is set in stone and therefore will not appreciate rigidity.
- You will likely hate it when people refuse to believe things they don't understand.
- You probably don't appreciate being told what to do or handholding.
- You're looking for the freedom and autonomy to think your own thoughts.



#### **Driving Intuitions:**

- Because the end justifies the means, you'll figure it out.
- Remember, you have a way of looking at the broader perspective and others may not.
- Play to your strengths, which are rooted in freedom, flexibility, and open-mindedness.
- You do not support inefficient means to any end.



### **Critical Advantages:**

- You will always find a way no matter what.
- You are highly adaptable in a variety of situations.
- · You will pick and choose your rules by deciding which one's are worthy of your investment.
- Your imagination is active.



#### **Growth Opportunities:**

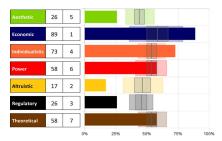
- Your lack of systemic sequence can get you in trouble sometimes.
- Carefulness leads to reliable outcomes.
- You can still be innovative while following procedures sometimes.
- Being different doesn't necessarily make you smarter.



- You work independently even when you are on a team.
- You listen to instruction while at the same time tweaking it.
- You're likely thinking, "That's not how I'd do it."
- You prefer spontaneous and independent work environments where you can be more flexible.



# **Your Theoretical Motivator - High**



The Theoretical Motivator: The desire to uncover, discover, and recover the "truth." This need to gain knowledge for knowledge sake is the result of an "itchy" brain. Rational thinking (frontal lobe), reasoning and problem solving are important to this dimension. This is all about the "need" to know why.



#### **Universal Assets:**

- You likely think, "It's tight, but it's right."
- You're like a detective when it comes to discovering things.
- Your intellectual capacity may seem limitless.
- You probably don't like it when someone says, "trust me."



#### **Driving Intuitions:**

- You should be open to teach others.
- As a life-long learner, you will continue to look for ways to grow and understand.
- You likely learn more by accident than others do on purpose.
- If there's a learning event, you're sure to be involved in it.



### **Critical Advantages:**

- You are likely a vigorous problem solver.
- You will typically come prepared for a meeting.
- If you don't know you will try to find out.
- You have a high capacity for independent study.



#### **Growth Opportunities:**

- You may need help with time management.
- You should be more open to other people's ideas.
- You should not be so closed-minded.
- You may have more skills for acquiring knowledge than for acquiring relationships.



- Your learning development should be connected to new ideas and concepts.
- Your learning and development should be connected to an ongoing stratagem for personal development.
- You should be exposed to others who take more risks and allow yourself the benefit of being around them.
- You're more dedicated than a casual learner when getting new information.



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MOST INFLUENTIAL ORDER OF MOTIVATORS
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MOTIVATOR NEEDS (Scores over 85)
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MOTIVATOR RISKS (Scores below low teens)
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MOST IMPORTANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY MOTIVATORS COMBINATION
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# PART IV UNDERSTANDING OTHERS AND ADAPTABILITY

People generally make the mistake of assuming that others interact and think the same way they do, and many of us grew up believing in The Golden Rule: treating others the way you would like to be treated. Instead, we encourage another practical rule to live by - what Dr. Tony Alessandra calls **The Platinum Rule®: to treat others the way THEY want to be treated**.

#### **DISC ADAPTABILITY**

### People want to be treated according to their style, not yours.

Adapting to another's behavioral preference is not always easy! Adaptability is based on two elements: Flexibility and Aptitude to adjust your approach or strategy based on the particular needs of the situation or relationship at a particular time. Flexibility is your Willingness and Aptitude is your Capability. Adaptability is something you must cognitively choose to apply to yourself (to your patterns, attitudes and habits), not expect from others.

Adaptability does not mean an "imitation" of the other person's style. It does mean adjusting your openness, directness, pace, and priority in the direction of the other person's preference, while maintaining your own identity.

We practice adaptability each time we slow down for a C or S style; or when we move a bit faster for the D or I style. It also occurs when the D or C styles take the time to build the relationship with an S or I style, or when the I or S style focuses on facts or gets right to the point with D or C styles.

#### Important:

- Adaptability is important to **all** successful relationships.
- No one style is naturally more adaptable than another.
- Adaptability is a choice:
  - You can choose to be adaptable with one person, and not so with others.
  - You can choose to be quite adaptable with one person today and less adaptable with that same individual tomorrow.

# Adaptability is dependent on recognizing another's person's behavioral style.

To quickly determine someone's style, ask these 2 questions & based on the answers, adapt accordingly:

- 1. Are they DIRECT or INDIRECT in their communication?
- 2. Are they GUARDED or OPEN in their communication?

<u>Direct Style: D or I</u>	<u>Guarded Style: D or C</u>
Enthusiastic, competitive and results focus, fast paced	More private, specific, logical and analytical, task focus
<u>Indirect Style: C or S</u>	Open Style: I or S
Reserved, cooperative & patient, slower/deliberate	Desire to build a connection with others, relationship focus



#### **MOTIVATORS ADAPTABILITY**

Adapting to another's Motivational preference can be quite difficult! Sometimes Motivations are not readily observable, or may be disguised in behavior that doesn't align to them. A key way to understand another's Motivations is to pay attention to the things they value, the way they speak, and where they spend their time and attention (or other resources). What do you see that drives them? You can use some of these questions to guide your discovery; you may ask them or just observe. Once you know someone's Motivators, you can interact with them in a more effective way.

Aesthetic	What is beautiful to you?
	How important is it for you that you can express yourself creatively?
	<ul> <li>Are form and aesthetics more important, or is functionality more important?</li> </ul>
	How important is work/life balance?
	Do you find that you are more "head in the clouds" or more practical?
Economic	How important is winning for you?
Leonomic	What is a reasonable return on investment?
	<ul> <li>Do you generally think people have an agenda or want/need something from you?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Would you consider starting your own business or being an entrepreneur?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>When you are faced with a situation do you first consider how it will affect you, or</li> </ul>
	how it will affect others?
Individualistic	How important is it for you to be independent and autonomous?
	<ul> <li>If you could do anything you wanted today, what would it be?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Do you think people generally see the world the same way you do?</li> </ul>
	How do you feel about teamwork and collaboration?
	What does "freedom" mean to you?
Power	What role do you typically take in a group?
	How important is it for you to be in charge?
	<ul> <li>How would you motivate others to take action?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>What kinds of things do you like to have control over?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Do you take initiative, or do you prefer direction before acting?</li> </ul>
Altruistic	Do you have a hard time saying no, or feel overwhelmed and spread too thin?
	<ul> <li>What is considered a reasonable amount of assistance or help for others?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Would you more likely give to anyone who needs it, or only to those who deserve it?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Do you tend to sacrifice your needs for the needs of others?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Do you feel like you need to do things for others to be valuable or loved?</li> </ul>
Regulatory	Is there a right way and a wrong way, or many ways to accomplish something?
	<ul> <li>How important is it for you to be right?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Are rules and regulations important to you?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>How important is structure and process to you?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>When you solve problems, do you prefer the tried and true approach or are you</li> </ul>
	more flexible and open to options?
Theoretical	• How important is it to understand all perspectives and details of a project/problem?
	<ul> <li>Do you consider yourself to be an expert in any field?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Would you rather spend time studying and reading, or just learn as you go?</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>What do you love about learning new things?</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>What do you think is most important – action or knowledge?</li> </ul>



# **COMMUNICATING WITH THE DISCStyles™**

# Communicating with the **DOMINANT** Style

D CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD
Concerned with being #1	Show them how to win, new opportunities
Think logically	Display reasoning
Want facts and highlights	Provide concise data
Strive for results	Agree on goal and boundaries, the support or get out of their way
Like personal choices	Allow them to "do their thing," within limits
Like changes	Vary routine
Prefer to delegate	Look for opportunities to modify their workload focus
Want others to notice accomplishments	Compliment them on what they've done
Need to be in charge	Let them take the lead, when appropriate, but give them parameters
Tendency towards conflict	If necessary, argue with conviction on points of disagreement, backed up with facts; don't argue on a "personality" basis

# **Communicating with the INFLUENCING Style**

I CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD
Concerned with approval and appearances	Show them that you admire and like them
Seek enthusiastic people and situations	Behave optimistically and provide upbeat setting
Think emotionally	Support their feelings when possible
Want to know the general expectations	Avoid involved details, focus on the "big picture"
Need involvement and people contact	Interact and participate with them
Like changes and innovations	Vary the routine; avoid requiring long-term repetition by them
Want others to notice THEM	Compliment them personally and often
Often need help getting organized	Do it together
Look for action and stimulation	Keep up a fast, lively, pace
Surround themselves with optimism	Support their ideas and don't poke holes in their dreams; show
	them your positive side
Want feedback that they "look good"	Mention their accomplishments, progress and your other genuine
	appreciation



# **Communicating with the STEADY Style**

S CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD
Concerned with stability	Show how your idea minimizes risk
Think logically	Show reasoning
Want documentation and facts	Provide data and proof
Like personal involvement	Demonstrate your interest in them
Need to know step-by-step sequence	Provide outline and/or one-two-three instructions as you
	personally "walk them through"
Want others to notice their patient	Compliment them for their steady follow-through
perseverance	
Avoid risks and changes	Give them personal assurances
Dislike conflict	Act non-aggressively, focus on common interest or needed
	support
Accommodate others	Allow them to provide service or support for others
Look for calmness and peace	Provide a relaxing, friendly atmosphere
Enjoy teamwork	Provide them with a cooperative group
Want sincere feedback that they're	Acknowledge their easygoing manner and helpful efforts, when
appreciated	appropriate

# Communicating with the **CONSCIENTIOUS** Style

C CHARACTERISTICS:	SO YOU SHOULD
Concerned with aggressive approaches	Approach them in an indirect, nonthreatening way
Think logically	Show your reasoning
Seek data	Give data to them in writing
Need to know the process	Provide explanations and rationale
Utilize caution	Allow them to think, inquire and check before they make
	decisions
Prefer to do things themselves	When delegating, let them check procedures, and other progress
	and performance before they make decisions
Want others to notice their accuracy	Compliment them on their thoroughness and correctness when
	appropriate
Gravitate toward quality control	Let them assess and be involved in the process when possible
Avoid conflict	Tactfully ask for clarification and assistance you may need
Need to be right	Allow them time to find the best or "correct" answer, within
	available limits
Like to contemplate	Tell them "why" and "how

The first step to building stronger communication is awareness. By identifying how we are similar and different, we can make cognitive choices when interacting to create stronger, more engaged relationships.



# **To Modify Directness and Openness**

# **DIRECT/INDIRECT**

With D's DIRECT	With I's DIRECT	With S's INDIRECT	With C's INDIRECT
Maintain Directness	Maintain Directness	Decrease Directness	Decrease Directness
<ul> <li>Use a strong, confident voice</li> <li>Use direct statements rather than roundabout questions</li> <li>Face conflict openly, challenge and disagree when appropriate</li> <li>Give undivided attention</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make decisions at a faster pace</li> <li>Be upbeat, positive, warm</li> <li>Initiate Conversations</li> <li>Give Recommendations</li> <li>Don't clash with the person, but face conflict openly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make decisions more slowly</li> <li>Avoid arguments and conflict</li> <li>Share decision-making</li> <li>Be pleasant and steady</li> <li>Respond sensitively and sensibly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not interrupt</li> <li>Seek and acknowledge their opinions</li> <li>Refrain from criticizing, challenging or acting pushy – especially personally</li> </ul>

# **GUARDED/OPEN**

With D's GUARDED	With I's OPEN	With S's OPEN	With C's GUARDED
Maintain Openness	Increase Openness	Increase Openness	Maintain Openness
<ul> <li>Get Right to the Task, address bottom line</li> <li>Keep to the Agenda</li> <li>Don't waste time</li> <li>Use businesslike language</li> <li>Convey Acceptance</li> <li>Listen to their suggestions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Share feelings, show more emotion</li> <li>Respond to expression of their feelings</li> <li>Pay Personal compliments</li> <li>Be willing to digress from the agenda</li> </ul>	Take time to develop the relationship Communicate more, loose up and stand closer Use friendly language Show interest in them Offer private acknowledgements	<ul> <li>Maintain logical, factual orientation</li> <li>Acknowledge their thinking</li> <li>Down play enthusiasm and body movement</li> <li>Respond formally and politely</li> </ul>



# **To Modify Pace and Priority**

# **PACE**

With D's FASTER	With I's FASTER	With S's SLOWER	With C's SLOWER
Maintain Pace	Maintain Pace	Decrease Pace	Decrease Pace
<ul> <li>Be prepared, organized</li> <li>Get to the point quickly</li> <li>Speak, move at a faster pace</li> <li>Don't waste time</li> <li>Give undivided time and attention</li> <li>Watch for shifts in attention and vary presentation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Don't rush into tasks</li> <li>Get excited with them</li> <li>Speak, move at a faster pace</li> <li>Change up conversation frequently</li> <li>Summarize details clearly</li> <li>Be upbeat, positive</li> <li>Give them attention</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop trust and credibility over time, don't force</li> <li>Speak, move at a slower pace</li> <li>Focus on a steady approach</li> <li>Allow time for follow through on tasks</li> <li>Give them step-by-step procedures/instructions</li> <li>Be patient, avoid rushing them</li> </ul>	Be prepared to answer questions     Speak, move at a slower pace     Greet cordially, and proceed immediately to the task (no social talk)     Give them time to think, don't push for hasty decisions

# **PRIORITY**

With D's TASK	With I's PEOPLE	With S's PEOPLE	With C's TASK
Maintain Focus	Adapt Focus	Adapt Focus	Maintain Focus
Get right to the task Provide options and let them decide Allow them to define goals and objectives Provide high-level follow up	<ul> <li>Make time to socialize</li> <li>Take initiative to introduce yourself or start conversation</li> <li>Be open and friendly, and allow enthusiasm and animation</li> <li>Let them talk</li> <li>Make suggestions that allow them to look good</li> <li>Don't require much follow-up, details, or long-term commitments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Get to know them personally</li> <li>Approach them in a friendly, but professional way</li> <li>Involve them by focusing on how their work affects them and their relationships</li> <li>Help them prioritize tasks</li> <li>Be careful not to criticize personally, keep it specific and focused</li> </ul>	Be prepared with logic and practicality     Follow rules, regulation and procedures     Help them set realistic deadlines and parameters     Provides pros and cons and the complete story     Allow time for sharing of details and data,     Be open to thorough analysis



# **Adapting in Different Situations: AT WORK**

### **DOMINANT STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- More realistically gauge risks
- Exercise more caution and deliberation before making decisions
- Follow pertinent rules, regulations, and expectations
- Recognize and solicit others' contributions
- Tell others the reasons for decisions
- Cultivate more attention/responsiveness to emotions

#### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- Prioritize and organize
- See tasks through to completion
- View people and tasks more objectively
- Avoid overuse of giving and taking advice
- Write things down

# **STEADY STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- Utilize shortcuts and discard unnecessary steps
- Track their growth
- Avoid doing things the same way
- Realize there is more than one approach to tasks
- Become more open to some risks and changes
- Feel sincerely appreciated
- Speak up and voice their thoughts and feelings

### **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

#### **HELP THEM TO:**

- Share their knowledge and expertise with others
- Stand up for themselves with the people they prefer to avoid
- Shoot for realistic deadlines and parameters
- View people and tasks less seriously and critically
- Balance their lives with both interaction and tasks
- Keep on course with tasks, less checking
- Maintain high expectations for high priority items, not everything



# **Adapting in Different Situations: IN SALES AND SERVICE**

### **DOMINANT STYLE**

- Plan to be prepared, organized, fast-paced, and always to the point
- Meet them in a professional and businesslike manner
- Learn and study their goals and objectives what they want to accomplish, how they currently are motivated to do things, and what they would like to change
- Suggest solutions with clearly defined and agreed upon consequences as well as rewards that relate specifically to their goals
- Get to the point
- Provide options and let them make the decision, when possible

#### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

- Take the initiative by introducing yourself in a friendly and informal manner and be open to new topics that seem to interest them
- Support their dreams and goals
- Illustrate your ideas with stories and emotional descriptions that they can relate to their goals or interests
- Clearly summarize details and direct these toward mutually agreeable objectives and action steps
- Provide incentives to encourage quicker decisions
- Give them testimonials

# **STEADY STYLE**

- Get to know them more personally and approach them in a non-threatening, pleasant, and friendly, but professional way
- Develop trust, friendship, and credibility at a relatively slow pace
- Ask them to identify their own emotional needs as well as their task or business expectations
- Get them involved by focusing on the human element... that is, how something affects them and their relationships with others
- Avoid rushing them and give them personal, concrete assurances, when appropriate
- Communicate with them in a consistent manner on a regular basis

#### **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

- Prepare so that you can answer as many of their questions as soon as possible
- Greet them cordially, but proceed quickly to the task; don't start with personal or social talk
- Hone your skills in practicality and logic
- Ask questions that reveal a clear direction and that fit into the overall scheme of things
- Document how and why something applies
- Give them time to think; avoid pushing them into a hasty decision
- Tell them both the pros and cons and the complete story
- Follow through and deliver what you promise



# **Adapting in Different Situations: IN SOCIAL SETTINGS**

### **DOMINANT STYLE**

- Let them know that you don't intend to waste their time
- Convey openness and acceptance of them
- Listen to their suggestions
- Summarize their achievements and accomplishments
- Give them your time and undivided attention
- Appreciate and acknowledge them when possible

#### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

- Focus on a positive, upbeat, warm approach
- Listen to their personal feelings and experiences
- Respond openly and congenially
- Avoid negative or messy problem discussions
- Make suggestions that allow them to look good
- Don't require much follow-up, detail or long-term commitments
- Give them your attention, time and presence

# **STEADY STYLE**

- Focus on a slower-paced, steady approach
- Avoid arguments and conflict
- Respond sensitively and sensibly
- Privately acknowledge them with specific, believable compliments
- Allow them to follow through on concrete tasks
- Show them step-by-step procedures
- Behave pleasantly and optimistically
- Give them stability and minimum of change

# **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

- Use a logical approach
- Listen to their concerns, reasoning, and suggestions
- Respond formally and politely
- Negative discussions are OK, so long as they aren't personally directed
- Privately acknowledge them about their thinking
- Focus on how pleased you are with their procedures
- Solicit their insights and suggestions
- Show them by what you do, not what you say



# **Adapting in Different Situations: IN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

### **DOMINANT STYLE**

- Likes to learn quickly; may be frustrated with a slower pace
- Has own internal motivation-clock, learns for their own reasons, not for anyone else's reasons
- May like to structure their own learning design
- Does okay with independent self-study
- Defines own goals
- May have a short attention span

#### **INFLUENCING STYLE**

- Likes learning in groups
- Interacts frequently with others
- Responds to extrinsic motivation, praise, and encouragement
- Needs structure from the facilitator; may lose track of time
- Needs "what to do" and "when to do it"
- May exceed deadlines if left on their own and learning may be completed late

### **STEADY STYLE**

- Accepts a balance between individual and group work
- Shows patience with detailed or technical processes
- Likes journaling and follow-through
- Prefers explicit instructions
- Wants to know the performance outcomes and expectations
- May need help in prioritizing tasks if a long assignment; may take criticism personally

### **CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE**

- Prefers individual work over group interaction
- Accepts more impersonal training, such as remote or on-line
- Has high expectations of their own performance
- Will structure their own activities only with explicit goals and outcomes established
- Emphasizes details, deep thinking, and theoretical bases for the learning
- May get overly bogged down in details, especially if the learning climate is pressured



# A DEEPER LOOK AT THE FOUR DISCStyles™

Below is a chart to help you understand some of the characteristics of each of the Four Basic DISC Styles, so you can interact with each style more effectively. Although behavioral style is only a partial description of personality, it is quite useful in describing how a person behaves, and is perceived, in personal, social and work situations.

	HIGH DOMINANT STYLE	HIGH INFLUENCING STYLE	HIGH STEADY STYLE	HIGH CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE
Tends to Act	Assertive	Persuasive	Patient	Contemplative
When in Conflict, this Style	Demands Action	Attacks	Complies	Avoids
Needs	Control	Approval	Routine	Standards
Primary Drive	Independence	Interaction	Stability	Correctness
Preferred Tasks	Challenging	People related	Scheduled	Structured
Comfortable with	Being decisive	Social friendliness	Being part of a team	Order and planning
Personal Strength	Problem solver	Encourager	Supporter	Organizer
Strength Overextended	Preoccupation on goals over people	Speaking without thinking	Procrastination in addressing change	Over analyzing everything
Personal Limitation	Too direct and intense	Too disorganized and nontraditional	Too indecisive and indirect	Too detailed and impersonal
Personal Wants	Control, Variety	Approval, Less Structure	Routine, Harmony	Standards, Logic
Personal Fear	Losing	Rejection	Sudden Change	Being Wrong
Blind Spots	Being held accountable	Follow through on commitments	Embracing need for change	Struggle to make decisions without overanalyzing
Needs to Work on	Empathy, Patience	Controlling emotions Follow through	Being assertive when pressured	Worrying less about everything
Measuring Maturity	Giving up control	Objectively handling rejection	Standing up for self when confronted	Not being defensive when criticized
Under Stress May Become	Dictatorial Critical	Sarcastic Superficial	Submissive Indecisive	Withdrawn Headstrong
Measures Worth by	Impact or results Track record	Acknowledgments Compliments	Compatibility Contributions	Precision, Accuracy Quality of results



# **DISC Application Activities**

### **Adaptability Practice**

Spend some time with people at home and at work that you know and trust who are different styles than you. Explore ways to communicate more effectively with them. Ask for support and feedback as you try new ways to communicate. Remember- tell them this is a skill you are building so they aren't surprised when you are behaving differently and can provide helpful feedback!

- Practice Identifying their style based on observable behavior
- Practice Modifying your Directness and Openness in conversation with them
- Practice Modifying your Pace and Priority
- Ask for feedback on your effectiveness in communicating with them
- Take some time to reflect on your experience and what worked or didn't work for you and for them
- Consider what you should repeat, and what you need to modify further to communicate as
  effectively as possible.

As you begin feeling more comfortable with adaptability and the needs of each style, try it with others!

# **Adaptability Activity**

Select a relationship in which things have not gone as smoothly as you would like. Make a commitment to take the time to gain an understanding of the other person's behavioral style and take a few steps to adapt your behavior to improve the relationship.

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Identify the behavioral style of the other person using the 2 Power Questions:

- Are they DIRECT or INDIRECT in their communication?
- Are they GUARDED or OPEN in their communication?

Brush up on their style and look at ways to adapt your Directness and Openness when working with them.

To further understand the tension that may exist in the relationship, notice the difference in preference in pace and priority and modify accordingly.

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Practice approaching them in the way you think *THEY want to be treated*. Remember, it may feel uncomfortable at first, but with practice and dedication to adapting, you will be amazed at the difference.



# **Tension Among the Styles Exercise**

Even if you have the highest regard toward a person, tension can exist in a relationship where styles are different. If this is behavior related, applying The Platinum Rule® - Treat others the way THEY want to be treated — may be helpful. Complete this exercise to gain insights on how to improve tense relationships. If you feel comfortable, you may discuss with the other person things you can do to ease the tension.

	RELATIONSHIP Name: John Doe
Му	Name: John Doe Style: High I
Style:	Pace: Faster-paced
Му	Priority: People-oriented
Pace:	Difference: Pace and Priority
My	Strategy: Be more personable, social, upbeat, and faster-paced with John
Priority:	

RELATIONSHIP 1	RELATIONSHIP 2		
Name:	Name:		
Style:	Style:		
Pace:	Pace:		
Priority:	Priority:		
Difference:	Difference:		
- Strategy:	- Strategy:		



#### **Create a DISC POWER TEAM**

Wouldn't it be amazing to have a DISC POWER TEAM where all members brought their best strengths to the table, and each of our challenges could be supported by someone who was skilled in the areas we struggle?

Considering the strengths and workplace behaviors for each style, who would be an ideal DISC POWER TEAM Member?

	DOMINANT STYLE	INFLUENCING STYLE	STEADY STYLE	CONSCIENTIOUS STYLE
STRENGTHS	Administration Leadership Pioneering	Persuading Motivating Entertaining	Listening Teamwork Follow-through	Planning Systemizing Orchestration
WORKPLACE BEHAVIORS	Efficient Busy Structured	Interacting Busy Personal	Friendly Functional Personal	Formal Functional Structured
TEAM MEMBER				

For an upcoming project, consider how your DISC POWER TEAM could accomplish greatness!

- Assign responsibilities based on strengths
- Determine what opportunities or challenges exist or may come up
- Give each Team Member the opportunity to showcase their skills and experience
- Check in regularly and discuss as a team how it's going
- Provide feedback regarding roles, strengths, needs, and any additional support required



# Guidelines to help you explore and apply what is in this report.

- 1. The scores in this report are a snapshot in time. These scores represent your preference-pathways (desires, such as being in control or not) at the time you completed the survey. These are not lifelong motivators from which you have no choice or power to influence. Your scores are not the end of your learning they are the beginning of what you have learned.
- 2. There are no good or bad scores to have, but there are consequences. If you do not like the level of effort you feel toward your goals, how you are behaving toward others or how others are behaving toward you, you can influence them through intended behavior and emotions (See your DISC).
- 3. The key is to understand your motivational preferences so you can flex with the situation to encourage progress.

### What works?

- Decide what level of effort and intensity (energy) you want to use moving forward.
- Pick one simple behavior such as how long you take to think through a problem or how you endeavor to get what you need from someone.
- Make it easier to do using your motivational orientation you have right now, rather than finding a greater or a more difficult motivational element.
- It is important for you to develop a practical understanding of your own motivational orientation so you do not trick yourself into feeling you lack motivation. We are all motivated but we may lack the "emotional energy" (your natural/concealed DISC graph) for the process of getting what we want.

# What is proven not to work?

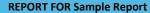
- Not starting or giving up.
- Getting more information. Information may help to change your attitude and intention but information alone does not work well to change your behaviors. Advice is hard to give and receive. When you hear advice, you may not be sure it will work for you. The way to get unstuck is not becoming extreme by exaggerating your efforts or stopping them altogether. Try doing something small and then look at the evidence.
- Wanting to get better at something is easy. Sticking with small changes is a different story.
- Avoid pursuing "ideal motivational activities or work." Instead, improve your pursuit of vital work/activities using your natural motivational orientation within this report.



# Tiny Steps, Big Results Plan

You are only a few behaviors away from making progress. Where do I currently excel at work and what motivators are in play already? Which motivators don't need any additional attention? With which motivators am I currently struggling and need an extra boost? Using my understanding of my motivational orientation, which types of additional motivations would work best for me right now? Using my understanding of my motivational orientation, which types of additional motivations would not work for me right now?

# Executive Summary - Leadership REPORT FOR Sample Report





Choose one harmful influence on your motivational orientation (take in small steps) to act on today. Then, practice and repeat.
Choose one positive influences on your motivational orientation (take in small steps) to act on today. Then, practice and repeat
We all are motivated to get better but we get stuck with the process we must go through to move toward what we want. How can I make the process of making progress smaller and simpler? List up to three (3).



# **Building and Maintaining Rapport/Productivity**

# BUILDING AND MAINTAINING RAPPORT AND PRODUCTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE MANAGEMENT/LEADERSHIP PROCESS

The Platinum Rule (*Do Unto Others as They Would Have You Do Unto Them*) can have a positive effect on almost every aspect of managing/leading others. With each of the four DISC behavioral types, for example, there's a different way to communicate and delegate tasks to them; compliment and correct them; and motivate and counsel them.

Learning these methods can quickly make you a more sensitive, effective leader of people. Sensitivity and tact are constantly demanded of leaders. If, as someone once said, tact is the radar of the mind, The Platinum Rule can be a valuable tune-up of your antenna.

By now, you know your primary DISC behavioral style along with growth opportunities to help you deal better with tasks and people. Keep those thoughts in mind.

Meanwhile, recognize that your power to influence employees springs from two sources. First, there's "position power." That's just what it sounds like, you're the CEO, the department head, the regional manager, and a certain amount of power comes with that title.

But ask any CEO what happens when he tries to get a brand of ketchup changed in the employee cafeteria. Ask the department head what happens when she decides to cut back on overtime. Ask the regional manager what happens when he asks all the store managers to upgrade the signs in their windows. Sometimes the bosses get their way and sometimes they don't.

So even if you have a title, you can't rely on position power alone to get you what you want. You also need "personal power." In fact, it's now generally believed that a leader can't really lead until he or she is genuinely accepted by those who are to be led.

If the CEO, department head, or regional manager gets the cooperation he or she asks for, it's not just because that person has a title. It's because he or she has also gained the confidence and trust of the average employee. It's because he or she has attained personal power.

So position power comes from being anointed by the hierarchy. But personal power comes from earning it, from developing it. Position power is a starting point for influencing people. But it's personal power that turns mere compliance into real cooperation.

The Platinum Rule provides that extra ingredient that leaders and managers can use in endless ways for their firm and for themselves. Being adaptable can help supervisors, managers and leaders build bridges to their employees and make them feel valued. By learning how best to respond to their interests and concerns, their strengths and weaknesses, you can get the most from your people as well as leave them more personally satisfied.



# **Developing Your People**

# **Developing C's**

- Point out the most important things to remember first.
- Demonstrate in an efficient, logical manner, stressing the purpose of each step.
- Proceed slowly, stopping at key places to check for their understanding.
- Ask for possible input, especially regarding potential refinements.
- Build up to the big picture.

### **Developing D's**

- Focus on the big picture.
- Cover basic steps/ high points quickly.
- Show them the simplest, fastest route to get them to their stated destination.
- Tell them what is to be done by when.
- Help them find shortcuts Connect concept with their highest value.

### **Developing S's**

- Use one-on-one, hands-on instruction.
- Start at the beginning & end at the end.
- Let them observe others before trying.
- Provide a step-by-step list of procedures or a working timetable/ schedule.
- Allow plenty of repetition for their actions to become second nature and more routine.
- Use a pleasant and patient approach in small group settings.

# **Developing I's**

- Release information in chunks.
- Skip details and boring material.
- Get them involved kinesthetically.
- Let them show you what they are learning.
- Be slow to criticize and quick to praise.
- Let them teach concept to others.



# **Adapt Your Communication Style**

# **Communicating with C's**

- Be well organized and clear in your communications.
- They search for logical conclusions.
- Ask your questions in a more discreet, nonjudgmental manner to elicit the points, objectives, or assurances C's want: "Lenny, I'm not trying to pressure you, but are you not interested in the auditor's position, or in any position?"

### **Communicating with S's**

- Be ready to do more talking than listening; they don't feel comfortable when the limelight is focused on them.
- Clarify any key agenda items with them.
- Stay organized and move forward steadily (but slowly) as you check to make sure they understand and accept what is being said: "Did you want me to stick around the office at a particular time each day in case you need to telephone me for emergency questions on this account, or do you want me to call you?"

### Communicating with D's

- Listen to their suggestions, their course of action and the results they are considering.
- Find areas where you already agree.
- Work backwards toward gaining agreement on the results you both want—and are willing to either mutually or independently allow the other to achieve: "Sarah, this format will give you the freedom to develop your branch your way and still allow Vern and Ellen to structure theirs another way... without sacrificing time or morale."

### Communicating with I's

- Listen to their personal feelings and experiences.
- Their style requires open and responsive interaction with others, preferably in a manner of congenial and unhurried conversation (like that between long-time friends): "Just between you and me, Chris, I feel very uneasy about Jill and Howard handling this account by themselves."



# **Helping People Reach Decisions**

# **Helping C's Decide**

- Confirm they are open to discussing the problem or decision.
- If they aren't ready, either set a definite time that's better for both of you or explore their concern in even pursuing this subject.
- Give them time and space to think clearly.
- When the situation is being explored, review your impression of the process: "My understanding is you'd like to think it over and figure out what time commitment you'd be able to make to the group. When may I call you about your decision?"

# **Helping D's Decide**

- D's tend to make autonomous, nononsense decisions.
- If the decision will help them meet their goals, they go for it; if not, they say no.
- One of the few times they put off reaching a conclusion is when it takes too much time/ effort doing the homework to determine the best alternative.
- Prevent this procrastination by simply providing a brief analysis for each option.

# **Helping S's Decide**

- Deal with only one subject or situation at a time, one step at a time.
- Before moving on to other items, make sure they are ready, willing, and able to do so.
- Remain calm and relaxed.
- Encourage them to share their suggestions as to how the decision might be made in a way that is likely to add even more stability to the current conditions: "Would you mind writing down a schedule of your office's activities so I can write my proposal without missing anything?"

# **Helping I's Decide**

- They want to avoid discussions of complex, negative-sounding, messy problems.
- Frame suggestions in a positive light.
- They are open to your suggestions—as long as they allow them to look and feel good—and not require a lot of difficult, follow-up, detail work or long-term commitments. "You know just about everybody, George. Since we need to get \$350 in pledges by the end of February, why not go ahead and wrap up all your calls by Friday? Then you can relax a lot more next week."



# **Motivating Your People**

# **Motivating C's**

- Appeal to their need for accuracy and logic.
- Keep your approach clear, clean and procedural.
- Better yet, provide illustration and documentation.
- Avoid exaggeration and vagueness.
- Show them how this is the best available current option.

# **Motivating D's**

- Lead with the big picture.
- Provide them with options and clearly describe the probabilities of success in achieving goals.
- Allow them the opportunity to make choices.
- Set boundaries, but let them take charge.

### **Motivating S's**

- Show how their work benefits others.
- Show how the outcome will provide security for their family.
- Connect their individual work to the benefit of the whole team.
- Get them to see how their follow-through links to a greater good.
- Show how it can strengthen their relationships with others.

#### **Motivating I's**

- Provide "special" incentives to inspire them to go the whole nine yards.
- Show them how they can look good in the eyes of others.
- Create short-term contests that don't require long-term commitment.
- Reward them in front of others.
- Let them speak about their achievements.



# **Complimenting Your People**

# **Complimenting C's**

- Mention their efficiency, thought processes, organization, persistence and accuracy.
- Don't mix personal and professional comments unless you know them very well.
- One C told us: "Compliments don't mean much to me. But I do like genuine, heartfelt appreciation once in awhile."
- Keep praise simple and concise.

# **Complimenting D's**

- Mention their achievements, upward mobility and leadership potential.
- Omit personal comments and focus on their track record: "Jones, you've exceeded our company goals every month for the past year and have put in more hours than anybody but the top officials here. The CEO has his eye on you for an upcoming VP slot."

# **Complimenting S's**

- Mention their teamwork and dependability.
- Remark about how others regard them, how well they get along with co-workers, and how important their relationshipbuilding efforts have been to the company.
- Effusiveness can arouse their suspicions, so stick to praising what they've done rather than personal attribute.

# **Complimenting I's**

- Pay direct personal compliments to them when legitimately deserved.
- Mention their charm, friendliness, creative ideas, persuasiveness, and/or appearance (or better yet, all of the above).
- They willingly accept "general praise":
   "We are so lucky to have you with us,
   Dee. You're a real gem."



# **Counseling Your People**

# **Counseling C's**

- Draw them out by asking, "How would you...?" questions about problems.
- They express thoughts indirectly, so persist in your attempts to get them to talk.
- They need to plan for change so they can identify and bring under control any key considerations that have to be addressed.
- When possible, allow them to investigate possible repercussions, especially at the beginning stages. That way they'll become more comfortable with possible changes.

# Counseling D's

- Stick to the facts.
- Draw them out by talking about the desired results; then discuss their concerns.
- Focus on tasks more than feelings.
- Ask them how they would solve problems: "Anne, we've heard comments that need to be addressed. It seems some of your employees don't feel appreciated for the extra hours they've been putting in for you. They've worked 14-hour days to beat your deadline. How do you think we can bolster their morale?"

# **Counseling S's**

- Understand the emotional side of their situation by drawing them out through questioning and listening
- They are disrupted by change and the unknown.
- Reduce their fears by showing how specific changes will benefit them and others: "Barbara, moving to Dallas will be an adjustment for all of us at first, but 80% of our staff has agreed to go. The company will move you and your family, sell your house, and give you a 10% bonus for loyal service."

# Counseling I's

- Give them ample opportunity to talk about whatever may be bothering them.
- Pay attention to both facts and feelings, but put your primary emphasis on their feelings.
- Involve them by asking how they could solve a challenge or problem.
- Sometimes, just airing their feelings and thoughts relieves tension for I's.
- Talking allows them to get something off their chests and can even become an end in itself, since their energy is largely influenced by the quality of their relationships.



# **Correcting Your People**

# **Correcting C's**

- Show them how to get a job done and they'll master and modify it to suit their needs.
- Specify the exact behavior that is indicated and how you would like to see it changed.
- Mutually agree on checkpoints and timeframes.
- Allow them to save face, as they fear being wrong. "Nelson, your work here is typically done neatly and on time. Now that we're switching to computers, you'll be able to turn out the same quality of work faster. I'd like you to take this computer class..."

# **Correcting D's**

- Describe what results are desired.
- Show the gap between actual and desired.
- Clearly suggest the needed improvement and establish a time to get back to you: "We need to streamline communication so that one hand knows what the other is doing. Last month, we had two separate divisions calling on the same CEO for corporate donations. I want you to work up a plan to keep everybody informed of who's working on what so we don't duplicate our efforts. Get back to me by the end of the week."

# **Correcting S's**

- Reassure them that you only want to correct a specific behavior, not them personally
- They tend to take things personally, so remove the "something is wrong with you barrier" as quickly as possible
- Point out in a non-threatening way what they're already doing right while also emphasizing what needs changing: "Norma, I admire your persistence, but we have to add more details to the proposal before we send it out. For example..."

# **Correcting I's**

- They avoid facing problems and if pressure persists, may walk away from the problem.
- Sometimes stress manifests itself in animated panic. "I can't talk now, Hal. It's really hit the fan this time!"
- Let them specifically know the challenge and define the behaviors to solve the problem.
- Confirm the mutually agreeable action plan (in writing) to prevent future problems.
- Use positive, optimistic questions and phrases: "How'd you like to increase your sales to your normal range and beyond?".



# **Delegating to Your People**

# **Delegating to C's**

- Take time to answer their most critical questions about structure and/or guidance they require in a specific situation. The more they understand the details, the more likely they will be to complete the task properly.
- Be sure to establish deadlines.
- "Angela, the court date on the Mortimer case has been moved up to Monday, so we have to respond by speeding things up a bit. It will proceed almost as efficiently as if you researched everything by yourself if we enlist two associates to help you work, under your direction, on tasks you delegate to them and then review. Before getting started, do you have any preferences on the who's or how to's of this process that you think are essential to check with me at this time?"

# **Delegating to S's**

- S's may be reluctant to ask others to do their own share of the work, so make a personal appeal to their loyalty and sense of sportsmanship.
- "Al, you're an example for this company of genuine cooperative spirit. Your staff wants to please you, so by giving everyone in your department just 10 of those names to call, you can all reach the goal together by noon tomorrow. Otherwise, you'll probably have a lot more difficulty reaching all those people by the target date." Give them the task, state the deadlines that need to be met, and explain why it's important to do it that way. "I'll need 500 copies of these summaries typed and collated by 5 p.m. today. Mr. Jeffries is getting back from New York two days early and he wants them by tomorrow morning."

# **Delegating to D's**

- Give them the bottom line and then let them do their thing.
- So that they can be more efficient, give them parameters, guidelines, and deadlines.
- "We need to get that mall built a month sooner or we'll lose our shirts. Fourteen tenants are threatening to bail out of their contracts if we don't open in time for the holidays. Don't spend more than another \$30,000, keep everything legal and out of the newspapers, and get back to me by Monday morning."

# **Delegating to I's**

- Receive clear agreements; set up check points/times to avoid long stretches with no progress reports.
- I's are often concept people who come up with plenty of ideas, but not necessarily the means of carrying them out, so steer them toward ways of assuring the implementation of those ideas.
- "Olivia, this proposal for the King Company looks good so far, but how about including more direct benefits for each employee. Marian has surveys filled out by each employee. Get together with her, bounce some ideas around, and then include more essential information about the eight or so key people in your proposal. Add some extra plus points on the others...12 pages in all. In this manner, you should do the job very well. And, Olivia, thanks for making the extra effort on this project. It's really important to all of us."



# **Acknowledging Your People**

# **Acknowledging C's**

- Focus on your realization of how difficult it can be for them to attempt to meet the high personal standards they set for themselves.
- Cite specific and appropriate examples which prove this point.

# **Acknowledging S's**

- Focus on how you sincerely appreciate their willingness to make things good for everyone
- Approach matters in a systematic, lowkeyed, and understanding manner, and reinforce the importance of them sharing their ideas.

# **Acknowledging D's**

- When it's appropriate to reward or reinforce their behavior, focus on how pleased you are with their results.
- Mention how glad you are to be a part of the process working with them to make things better for both of you through cooperation.

### **Acknowledging I's**

- Focus on how glad you are they have succeeded in finding a pleasant solution to their concern or objective.
- Show you appreciate them for their openness and willingness to respond to you in a way that allows everyone to end up feeling good about the results.



# **Adapting Your Leadership Style**

# When You are the C

- Modify criticism (whether spoken or unspoken) of others' work.
- Check less often, or only check the critical things (as opposed to everything), allowing the flow of the process to continue.
- Ease up on controlling emotions; engage in more water cooler interaction.
- Accept the fact that you can have high standards without expecting perfection.
- Occasionally confront a colleague (or boss) with whom you disagree, instead of avoiding or ignoring them (and doing what you want to do, anyway).
- Tone down the tendency to OVER-prepare.

# When You are the S

- Stretch by taking on a bit more (or different) duties beyond your comfort level
- Increase verbalization of your thoughts and feelings.
- Speed up your actions by getting into some projects more quickly.
- Desensitize yourselves somewhat, so that you aren't negatively affected by your colleagues' feelings to the point of affecting your own performance.
- Learn to adapt more quickly to either changes or refinements of existing practices.
- Bolster your assertiveness techniques.

#### When You are the D

- Allow others to do things without excessive or untimely interference.
- Participate in the group without expecting always to be in command.
- Modify your tendency to give orders.
- Enlist others' input and support through participative, collaborative actions.
- Praise and give credit for jobs well done.
- Let colleagues and employees know that you realize it's only natural that you and others will make mistakes.
- When delegating, give some authority along with the responsibility.

### When You are the I

- Improve your follow-through efforts.
- Monitor socializing to keep it in balance with other aspects of business and life.
- Write things down and work from a list, so you'll know what to do and when to do it.
- Prioritize activities and focus on tasks in their order of importance.
- Become more organized and orderly in the way you do things.
- Get the less appealing tasks of the day over with early in the day.
- Pay attention to your time management.
- Check to make sure you're on course with known tasks or goals.



# **Adapting Your Leadership Style**

# When they are C's, Help Them...

- Share their knowledge and expertise.
- Stand up for themselves with the people they prefer to avoid.
- Shoot for realistic deadlines.
- View people and tasks less seriously and critically.
- Balance their lives with both interaction and tasks.
- Keep on course with tasks, with less checking.
- Maintain high expectations for high priority items, not necessarily everything.

# When they are D's, Help Them...

- More realistically gauge risks.
- Exercise more caution and deliberation before making decisions and coming to conclusions.
- Follow pertinent rules, regulations and expectations
- Recognize and solicit others' contributions, both as individuals and within a group.
- Tell others the reasons for decisions.
- Cultivate more attention and responsiveness to emotions.

### When they are S's, Help Them...

- Utilize shortcuts; discard unnecessary steps.
- Track their growth.
- Avoid doing things the same way.
- Focus on the goal without attending to other thoughts or feelings.
- Realize tasks have more than one approach.
- Become more open to risks and changes.
- Feel sincerely appreciated.
- Speak up; voice their thoughts and feelings.
- Modify the tendency to do what others tell them.
- Get and accept credit and praise, when appropriate.

### When they are I's, Help Them...

- Prioritize and organize.
- See tasks through to completion.
- View people and tasks more objectively.
- Avoid overuse of giving and taking advice (which can result in lack of focus on tasks).
- Write things down.
- Do the unpleasant, as well as the fun things.
- Focus on what's important now.
- Avoid procrastination and/or hoping others will do things for them.
- Practice and perfect, when appropriate.



There are different ways to interact and lead the different DISC Styles. Being adaptable to the needs of others can build rapport with employees and help them feel valued. By learning how best to respond to others, you can encourage the best results and support personal satisfaction as an effective leader.

The table below provides an overview of suggestions to interact with those you lead/manage:

	With D's	With I's	With S's	With C's
Develop	<ul> <li>Focus on the big picture</li> <li>Cover basic steps/ high points quickly</li> <li>Show them the simplest, fastest route to get them to the destination</li> <li>Tell them what is to be done by when</li> <li>Help them find shortcuts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Release information in chunks</li> <li>Skip details</li> <li>Involve them kinesthetically</li> <li>Let them share what they learn</li> <li>Be slow to criticize and quick to praise</li> <li>Let them teach concept to others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use one-on-one, hands-on instruction</li> <li>Start at the beginning &amp; end at the end</li> <li>Let them observe others before trying</li> <li>Provide a step-by- step procedure &amp; working schedule</li> <li>Allow repetition for creating routine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Point out most important things first</li> <li>Demonstrate efficiently, logically – stress purpose of each step</li> <li>Proceed slowly, stopping to check understanding</li> <li>Ask for input, especially potential refinements</li> <li>Build up to the big picture</li> </ul>
Communicate	Listen to their suggestions, and their plans for actions/results     Acknowledge where you already agree     Work backwards toward agreement on the results you both want	<ul> <li>Listen to their personal feelings and experiences</li> <li>Be open and responsive, preferably through congenial and leisurely conversation (like good friends)</li> <li>Allow time to socialize</li> </ul>	Be patient, ready to do more talking than listening     Clarify any key agenda items with them     Stay organized and move forward steadily (but slowly) checking to make sure they understand and accept what is being said	<ul> <li>Be well organized and clear in your communication</li> <li>Provide logical conclusions</li> <li>Ask questions nonjudgmentally to clarify objectives or elicit agreement</li> </ul>
Help Decide	<ul> <li>Expect autonomous, no-nonsense decisions</li> <li>If the decision will help meet goals, they go for it; if not, they say no</li> <li>May put off reaching a conclusion when it takes too much time or effort to do the work determining the best choice</li> <li>Provide a simple, brief analysis for each option</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Avoid discussions of complex, negative-sounding, messy problems</li> <li>Frame suggestions in a positive light</li> <li>Provide suggestions that allow them to look and feel good</li> <li>Do not require a lot of difficult, follow-up, detail work or long-term commitment</li> </ul>	Deal with only one subject or situation at a time, one step at a time     Before moving on to other items, make sure they are ready, willing, and able to do so     Remain calm and relaxed     Encourage them to share their suggestions of how the decision might be made in a way that is likely to add more stability	<ul> <li>Confirm they are open to discussing the problem or decision</li> <li>If they aren't ready, either set a definite time that's better for both of you or explore their concern in pursuing this subject</li> <li>Give time and space to think clearly before providing responses</li> </ul>
Motivate	<ul> <li>Lead with the big picture</li> <li>Provide options and clearly describe the probability of success</li> <li>Allow the opportunity to make choices</li> <li>Set boundaries, but let them take charge</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide "special" incentives or short term contests to inspire follow through</li> <li>Show them how they can look good to others</li> <li>Reward them in front of others, let them share achievements</li> </ul>	Show how their work benefits others/team Show how the outcome will provide security Show them how their follow-through links to greater good Show how work strengthens relationships	<ul> <li>Appeal to the need for accuracy and logic</li> <li>Keep approach clear, clean and procedural, with illustrations and documentation</li> <li>Avoid exaggeration and vagueness</li> <li>Show them how this is the best available option</li> </ul>



	With D's	With I's	With S's	With C's
Compliment	<ul> <li>Mention their achievements, upward mobility and leadership potential</li> <li>Remove personal comments and focus on their track record</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mention their charm, friendliness, creative ideas, persuasiveness</li> <li>Pay direct personal compliments to them when legitimately deserved</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mention their teamwork and dependability, what they have done</li> <li>Notice how others respect them, how well they get along, and the importance of effort in relationships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mention efficiency, processes, organization, persistence, accuracy</li> <li>Do not mix personal and professional comments</li> <li>Keep praise simple and concise</li> </ul>
Counsel	<ul> <li>Stick to the facts</li> <li>Draw them out by talking about the desired results; then discuss their concerns</li> <li>Focus on tasks more than feelings</li> <li>Ask them how they would solve problems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Give opportunity to share what bothers them – they may need to air feelings to relieve tension</li> <li>Pay attention to both facts and feelings, but put primary emphasis on feelings</li> <li>Ask how they could solve a challenge or problem</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand emotional side of the situation by drawing them out through questioning and listening</li> <li>Limit disruption by change, ambiguity, and the unknown</li> <li>Reduce fears by showing how specific changes will benefit them and others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Draw them out by asking, "How would you?" questions about problems</li> <li>Persist in attempts to get them to express themselves more directly</li> <li>Allow them to investigate potential considerations and plan for change early to increase comfort</li> </ul>
Correct	<ul> <li>Describe what results are desired</li> <li>Show gaps between actual and desired result</li> <li>Listen to their suggestions, and their plans for actions/results</li> <li>Clearly suggest needed improvements and establish a time to get back to you with plan or report of new results</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Specifically define challenge and behaviors to solve the problem</li> <li>Confirm a mutually agreeable action plan (in writing) to prevent misunderstanding</li> <li>Help them face, not avoid problems</li> <li>Recognize that stress may cause panic - help decompress fear and anxiety with positive questions and statements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reassure them that you only want to correct a specific behavior, not them personally</li> <li>Help them not to take things personally by removing the "something is wrong with you" barrier quickly</li> <li>Point out in a non-threatening way what they're already doing right while also emphasizing what needs changing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Show them how to get a job done - they'll master and modify it to suit their needs</li> <li>Specify the exact behavior that is indicated and how you would like to see it changed</li> <li>Mutually agree on checkpoints and timeframes</li> <li>Allow them to avoid embarrassment and preserve dignity in mistakes</li> </ul>
Delegate	<ul> <li>Give them the bottom line and then let them take their own action</li> <li>Outline parameters, guidelines, and deadlines to help them be efficient</li> <li>Remind them to engage more with employees when delegating</li> </ul>	Get clear agreements; set up check points to avoid long stretches with no progress reports  Steer them toward implementation of ideas and taking action Encourage them to engage others in work	<ul> <li>Monitor workload and responses when delegating</li> <li>Be sure to explain how by delegating work it is a benefit to others - reaching goals together, allowing more time for you to support others</li> <li>Give specific task/deadline, and justification of why it is important</li> </ul>	Take time to answer the most critical questions about structure Give guidance they require in a specific situation. The more they understand the details, the more likely they will be to complete the task properly  Establish deadlines
Acknowledge	<ul> <li>Focus on how pleased you are with results</li> <li>Share how glad you are to be a part of working with them to make things better</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focus on success in finding solutions</li> <li>Appreciate them for their openness and willingness to help others feel good about results</li> </ul>	Sincerely appreciate their willingness to make things good for everyone     Reinforce gratitude at the importance of them sharing their ideas to help others	<ul> <li>Recognize how difficult it can be for them to meet the high personal standards they set</li> <li>Cite specific and appropriate examples of excellence</li> </ul>



# So Now What?

This report is filled with information about your behavioral and motivational style and the styles that you will encounter in others. There are many suggestions in the application section of this report for you to apply this information. Take the next step and DO the exercises. Don't put this report on a shelf or in a file. Knowing your own style is just the beginning— you must be able to apply this information to improve all of your relationships.

Continually use this report as a reference tool. It contains a lot of information and was never meant to be digested in a single reading. Experiment with making a few changes in your behavior and examine the results. You might be surprised!

Remember The Platinum Rule® - "Treat others the way THEY want to be treated."