Ideas That Work: Solutions to Persistent Problems

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Here is the plan

• Making sure we are on the same page
• Identifying some problems
• Offering solutions for the problems
What are . . .

• Some Persistent Problems

• Some Ideas that Work for Me

• Some Solutions
Identifying Problems

What are Some Problems?

• Unexpected Delays/Meeting Deadlines
• Interruptions
• Procrastination
UNEXPECTED DELAYS/MEETING DEADLINES

- Breathe, then dig in
- Organize your workspace – physical and mental
- Delegate
- Take a break
- Do email 3/day
More UNEXPECTED DELAYS

- Review and recap PODA—parade of daily adventures
- Stand on the phone
- Know some “what-ifs”
- Make deposits in your favor bank
- REPEAT AS NECESSARY
INTERRUPTIONS
Ways to Minimize Them

• Post a sign on your door
• “Let’s talk at lunch”
• I can give you 5 minutes now—”I’m working on a project that has a deadline of...”
• Keep your chairs full
PROCRASTINATION
An Issue for You?

• Acknowledge then accept
• Decide
• Identify—who, what, where, when, how for each task
• Set goals—start small
• Keep track—calendar/planner; add holidays
• Work backwards
• Rebound: Rewards and Penalties
• Identify today’s top 3 priorities and “get it done”
To Summarize...

- Think of and plan ways to address problems
- Write down your own ideas
- Get organized
- Work smarter
- Believe problems can be successfully solved
“If you look at an obstacle as an opportunity you will find ways, you will use your creativity and find a solution that will solve the obstacle. Sometimes, obstacles are actually gifts, as they make us look at situations in a different way.”

Walt Disney
Thank You

Good Luck!!
Have Fun in Denver

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The Art of Tackling

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Practice Policies
Playing Rules
Promotions
Great achievers solve problems whose real nature emerges only as they tackle them.
