

Six Steps to Banish Indecision

A good plan implemented today is better than a perfect plan implemented tomorrow. – George Patton

Sometimes our great ideas, fabulous programs, and amazing products end up in limbo because we spend our time trying to make sure everything is perfect before beginning anything. What happens then? We flounder around, unable to come up with a good plan or make a decision. Maybe that's happened to you. I've been in that very uncomfortable place before myself. . . armed with a good idea, but dithering about implementing it.

Should I start my own business? Will people buy my products? Maybe I should wait a year or so and see if things look a little better then. Or maybe I launch that new program now? No, wait. Let me think about it some more. . .

Indecision. It can bring your business -- and your life -- to a screeching halt. It can put your dreams and goals on hold indefinitely while you struggle to figure out how to handle every possible situation that might occur. It's true whether you're trying to start a new business, create a new product, plan a marketing campaign, or even take a vacation. Indecision puts you in a holding pattern and that's a bad place to be.

General Patton was absolutely right. It's all about implementing a good plan now instead of waiting until tomorrow (or next month or next year) while you try to put together the perfect plan. Successful people take action. They don't wait and wait and wait. They implement.

Here's what I've learned from my own coaches and mentors and from reading about how other successful people have achieved their goals:

1) You can't possibly plan for every situation that may occur. Hold on to that truth. Hang a sign in your office. Post it on your computer. Trying to plan for anything and everything that could happen is impossible. Create the best strategy you can with what you know right now. Then, get on with it.

2) You don't have to know all the answers to get started. Nobody does. Gather all the information you can. Do your research. Ask for advice from the experts. Decide how you're going to proceed, then begin. If you wait until you have all the answers, you'll never even start.

3) You can learn and adjust your plan as you go along. Often the way we learn best is from our mistakes. When (not if) you make mistakes, you're getting an education. So, go ahead. Try. Make mistakes. Fall down. Dust yourself off. Get up. Adjust. Try a different approach. Keep going.

4) If your goal is something you really want, then you can't let fear of failure stop you. Most entrepreneurs have moments when they worry about failing, but those who succeed go ahead and "Do it scared." If you're never scared, you're probably not growing.

5) Don't wallow around in indecision. Stop making excuses. Make the best plan you can based on what you know right now and start.

6) See #3. There are no perfect plans.

Don't wait. Implement, implement, implement. That's the only way to reach your goals.

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