FOCUS ON ONE THING



JIM ROHN here's the key on this
don't major in
minor things if you take up major
time
to do minor things I'm telling you
you'll be behind the curve
constantly
here's what we learned in sales
training
what's major time and what's minor
time
here's minor time thinking about
prospects here's minor time making
list of prospects
here's minor time keeping books
on prospects
here's minor time going to see the
prospect
here's minor time evaluating the
prospect after you've been there
that's all minor time here's major
time
in the presence of the prospect

that's
mine that's major time and if you
took a
look if you're in sales and you took
a look at a week you'd say my gosh
I'm spending 90% of my time on
the minor
stuff and so little time on the major
stuff in the presence of how many
hours
in the presence of in my day how
many
hours in the presence of during my
sales
week because the time that really
counts
is in the presence of majors and
minors here's another key time
management

management
essential don't mistake movement
for achievement it's easy to get
faked out
by being busy that comes home at

night

all exhausted falls in the chair and says oh I've been going going going here's the big question doing what it's not the goal and go and

going some people are going going going and they're doing figure eights their

progress is small so don't mistake movement for achievement here's another

one in sales we learned don't mistake courtesy for consent if somebody's Pleasant and they nod you

say oh they're gonna buy know they're

courteous you can't mistake
courtesy for consent
now here's the big one
concentration I
had to learn this all those years ago

be a

work
at play I used to take my family to
the
beach and I would bring my
briefcase I
learned not to do that or at the
beach
I'm saying I should be at the office
I should be at the office now my
family's
upset because I'm at the beach and
I'm
thinking office office now
when
I'm at the office I'm thinking what I
kind of get my family to the beach
the
beach the beach so things are not
going
too well at the office cuz I'm
thinking

Beach and things are not going too

well

at the beach cuz I'm thinkin office
here's what I learned to do at the
beach

be at the beach at the office be at the office when you work work when you play

play don't mix the two don't work at play now here's one of the most important ones don't play at work

work

is too serious you don't want the reputation of being the office joker it's not a good yes there's time for some pleasant stories yes there's time

for a little humor yes best if it's a happy office of course but I'm telling

you got to be serious about work cuz

you're parting with a piece of your life

for the work you do your work

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a piece of your life here's what it's called serious business not grim not

unhappy but serious
don't play it work the only person I
don't think we use anymore horse
around

at the office play around play jokes play tricks no place not at the workplace at the beach yes at the bar

yes somewhere else not work you got to treat work with all due conservative

passion because it's leading you to your future

here's another key phrase all work is

good you may not like your job but if it's the stepping stones to get you

to

where you want to to go you've got

to appreciate your job you don't
have to
have a passion for your job here's
the
ultimate passion a passion for
incredible success in every
department
of my life that's the passion but
don't
look down down on some menial
job you
have to do to finally get you to
where
you want to go no job is menial
menial
no job is not no every job is noble
training life for pay making the
contribution to society
next analyze how you are and if
you have
some weaknesses if you can't
doesn't
seem like you can change here's

the key
get it covered I used to keep
promising
myself I'd keep the books keep the
books
keep the books finally I gave that
up
and back then it only took me an
extra
50 60 bucks a month for some
accountant
to keep the books as a no I'm
gonna save
the 50 bucks you can't believe what
I started losing in productivities
because
I tried to save the 50 bucks so the
key is a lot of times you can stay
like you
are but just make sure you get it
covered
next beware of the telephone and
all

other systems of	of communication
especially the t	elephone at home
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systems of communication at home and

here's one of the best lines I've got for you for the weekend let all communication systems serve you

but don't let them intrude when it comes

time to have dinner with your family you

shut off all systems unless the ones that can take messages silently don't let the phone ring don't let anybody intrude come through

the front door or the back door nor through the telephone or any other device so you can't reach John and his

family when he's having dinner the

President of the United States
couldn't
get through if you develop that
kind of
a reputation father mother when we
have
dinner when we're visiting and
have this
time with our family nothing
intrudes so
don't let these clever little devices
keep intruding you've got to have a
place that sink or sank it's it's
valuable you don't let anything in
for
that period of time okay isn't it
good
advice excellent advice here's the
next
one read all the books you know
I've
only got a few notes here on time
management but if you've got
- Control of the Cont

some

particular challenges you run a big
organization a big corporation
you've
got some challenges there's plenty
of books now here's what's next
just be
more alert to the things that might
be stealing your time here's why
time is like capital you can't let
someone steal your seedcorn you
can't let someone
steal your capital and you can't let
someone steal your time
you must designate your time and
some of
the time that you designate you
must not
let anyone steal casual time you
might
let someone intrude and steal a
little
bit and take a little bit but not

serious time next one of the great time management savers is to learn to ask questions upfront sometimes you talk to somebody for an hour and then you ask questions and find out if you would have asked those questions up front you could have saved yourself an hour asking questions up front helps you to get to the problem now but if you just launch into some discourse you might waste 30 minutes of waste an hour when here's what you should have been talking about after you've finished an hour you say

John
what's really the problem he said
well
it's something personal see that's
what
you should have been talking about
this
whole hour next learn to think on
paper
and we're gonna take a break some
ways
to think on paper one we've
covered one
solving problems take it out of
your
head and put it on paper another
one is
setting goals making these lists
we've
already started here's another good
way
to think on paper it's a projects
book

each person you're working with
and each
project you're working on get a
loose-leaf binder and a tab and
some
pieces of paper behind the tab and
do a
little continual summary of how it's
going between you and that person
and
between you and that project I call
it a projects book it is so useful to
me but what's going on between
you and this person
when you last got together what
did you
talk about and you got a few notes
there
here's what we talked about the last
time we got together now when
you get
together again you can review that
so you'll know better what to talk

about

when the president gets ready to travel and he's gonna meet some important

people guess what they bringing all these briefing books all right the last

time you were with Khrushchev Kennedy is

informed here's what he said here's what

you said Kennedy said no that's valuable

I need to remember that if a person is important it's worth a little running account you might even have a project

book for your children here's what's

happening between me and my child we've talked about this and we've talked

about this

talk about this next add a timer
keeping
track of all of your appointments
you
know mine is all filled with you
know
when to catch an airplane and
when to do
a seminar when to sit down and
have a
conference all the rest next is a
game
plan you know if you've got a
house and
the you know insurance is gonna
come due
and some other things are gonna
come do
you just put it on a spreadsheet and
make sure it's taken care of
key phrase take things out of your
head
and put them on paper and the key

is to

just experiment with different ways that helps you to do that now here's the last

one thinking on paper and that's to keep a journal one of the things I'm known for around the world have been now for

39 40 years is keeping a journal now my

journal is not a you know it's not necessarily a it's not like a diary it might be part diary

you know I'm flying over Ireland and

write down a few little things that impressed me today I met this person

what an extraordinary event today
the scent I conducted this seminar
in Rome thousand people stood
that was saying

for me I've got a little bit of a diary

in there but here's what primarily
your
general is for collecting good ideas
a journalist to collect good ideas on
your health and good ideas for
your business
and good ideas for your future
good
ideas for time management cuz I
used to
take notes on pieces of paper and
torn off corners and backs of old
envelopes
and restaurant placemats and I
threw all
this stuff in a drawer it did not
serve
me well I found ly learn to get a
bound copy right
and just keep a journal write five
was
here I had my journal I'd be taking
notes right these two days in my

journal now if you're caught without your journal you just take the notes when you get back home you've put those notes in your journal throw the paper away because we don't usually go through paper to review but see my journals now make up a and part of my own library my journals all reserved privately for my children and my grandchildren can you imagine what I've collected over the years it's unbelievable there are three treasures to leave behind I think you've already got those notes right here they are number one your pictures don't leave the event

unrecorded it takes only a fraction
of a
cent of a second to say here's who I
was
with when I travel the world right
we
take all these pictures and here's
one of the gifts people send me the
pictures
they took of me and them it's part
of the treasures I have on the farm
incredible a picture's worth a
thousand
words to describe the scene the
emotion
what happened say wow this was
an extraordinary day for me when I
met these people here's what they
told me happened to them when
they went to my
seminar 10 years ago Wow the
drama comes
back if you've taken the pictures
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it's

one of the treasures to leave behind when you go remember the old photographs

that we have now you know 100 years ago

70 80 years ago just a few photographs

what would it be like if you had thousands of photographs of the past of

your history your mother your father my

grandparents so change all of that now

for your children leave all your photographs as a record here's what's

next to leave behind and that's your library the books that changed your life

the books that change your health the books that rescued you from

oblivion the books that you passed on to other people they were so exciting for

you the books that made you financially independent the books that developed

your leadership books that gave you wisdom to ponder when things were tough

the books that got you through the winter the books that helped you to plant in the spring and the harvest in the fall what a treasure to leave behind

if you do that here's what's for sure your books will be more valuable than your furniture

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