

Day -3

Delegating

Master The Situation. Do Not Let It Master You

"Today is 'Day 3.' I am planning on going the distance no matter what!"



Please Study This Lesson In One Sitting

Invariably, at this point, it is safe to say that we have a fairly good idea of what is meant by “*Stop! Look!*” and “*Listen!*” within the context of this study. Also, it is very probable that we now have an even better perception of the bare intellectual essentials towards effectively planning [ref. *Hesitancy, Insight, Wisdom, Foresight, Day 2, Planning*].

Now we are going to *stop, look, and listen* to reconsider how crucial these are to our delegation of people and money towards the success of our home projects. Consistent with this plan, before we are through with this Lesson, we are going to be even farther ahead. We will be slightly more familiar with reassessing the benefits and pitfalls directly related to the extents to which our protocol is *defined and implemented*.

Most certainly, it is the sort of tactful strategic thinking and doing which automatically leads to adopting protocol which inevitably saves us quite a bit of time, tons of money, embarrassment, and personal guilt.

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Briefly, it is plausible that we acknowledge the fact that when we are speaking about “*delegating,*” we are considering situations in which we use our authority to assign

specific functions to others. We do so to further a cause which is very significant to us. This typically implies willfully assigning tasks to others. In so doing, they help to expeditiously facilitate our objectives.

Whether we have comparable skill or not, we assign work to others in order to make things happen a lot more efficiently. We have learned through our life experiences that in areas we are weak there are others who are strong. When there are times our presence is required, but we are preoccupied with other things, we have found that assigning others who are sufficiently competent to cover for us is the best option. Classical "*Management 101.*"

Home is a Business, Too

Rudimentary to any successful business, there must be an intact system for assigning specified duties to others. The most successful businesses are the most devout practitioners of successful delegation of tasks. Be it *Microsoft* or *Military*, *Starbucks* or *Street Cleaners*, *Goodwill Industries* or *Habitat for Humanity*, without successful delegation of tasks, they would lose ground rapidly and suffer severe ramifications.

Quite matter-of-factly, there is really not much difference in the home setting. When it comes to getting things done by others at home, we have learned that things work a lot more smoothly. We do not have time to do everything. As household heads, we often delegate certain chores to share responsibility towards the comfort and convenience of everyone. Yet, irrespective of who does what, we remain the *guiding force for requiring everyone chip in.*

But it pays to exercise reasonable discretion. Although we know a lot more is accomplished through delegating certain things to others, it is necessary to draw the line under special circumstances.

Caution for What We Delegate and To Whom

There are times when it is not such a great idea to delegate certain things to people we hire for assisting with our home projects.

Among these are delegating to contractors leeway for:

1. Shopping with our money
 2. Absolute authority
 3. Filing our home insurance claims (before or after projects).
- Briefly, it is recommended that if contractors are going to do any work for that we have the requirement for them to be financially healthy. We may want to set a continually enforced standard for contractors to shoulder all costs/expenses for whatever they need to get our project well underway. We can reimburse them for documented expenditures.

- Our home *is not* the contractor's home. We may not want to give indications that it is. “ *Mi Casa es Tu Casa!*” (“*My Home is Your Home!*”).
- Insist upon and use our option for filing our home insurance claims. In other words, It is strongly suggested that we make arrangements with our insurer for directly receiving funds towards our home contractor-related home project. We can then have protocol which includes personally making payments consistent with progress and completion of each project.

Research Links

1. Homeowner's Guide: “[Who Is This Contractor?](#)”
2. “[Contract For Home Services](#)”

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End of lesson for *Day 3 – “Delegating”* Please be consistent. Stay on course each day.

Tomorrow: *Day 4 – Scouting & Selecting*

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