#### HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MANAGER

**Operational Excellence** 

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Understand what 'manage up' means
- Discuss three key things to help build trust with your manager
- Share best practices



## ITEMS TO MANAGE



## THREE THINGS THAT HELP

- Be the Reason
- Know Your Bosses Needs
- Build Trust

## BE THE REASON



#### BEING THE REASON

#### 3 Concepts: Guidelines

- 1.) Begins with "what" or "how"
  - Not: Why Victim thinking / better question: What can I do
  - Not: When Procrastination
  - Not: Who Blame!
- 2.) Contains and "I"
- 3.) Focuses on Action

Look at your list of items you need to manager your manager.

You will create a question..

**ACTIVITY: BEING THE REASON** 

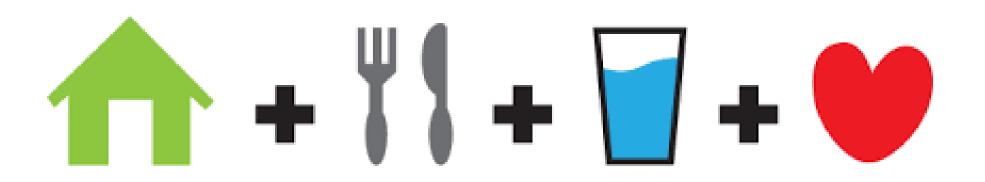
The right questions all begin with "what" or "how", contain an "l" and must be focused on action.

**ACTIVITY: BEING THE REASON** 

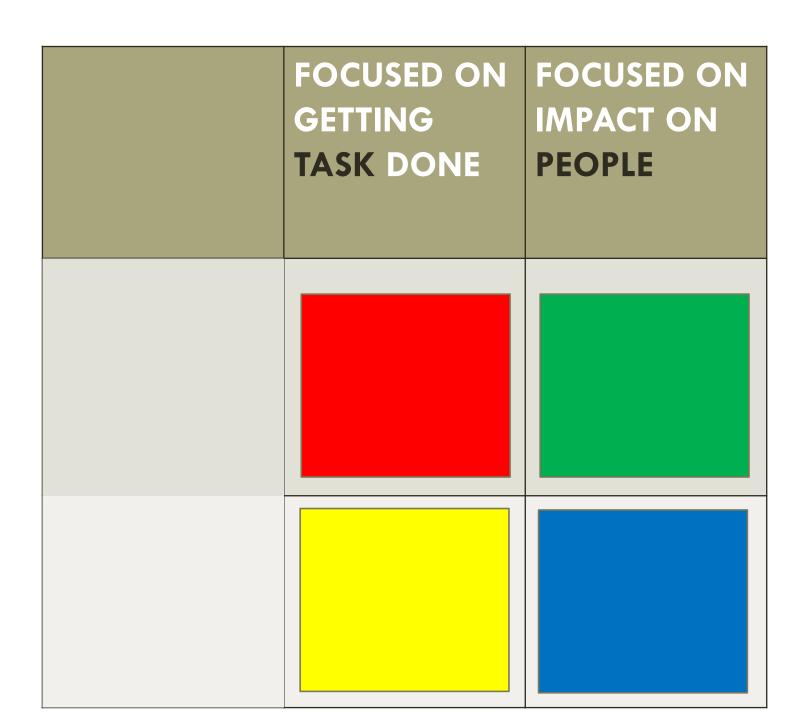
What can I do to help my boss remember the information I gave him two months ago?

ANSWERS: BEING THE REASON

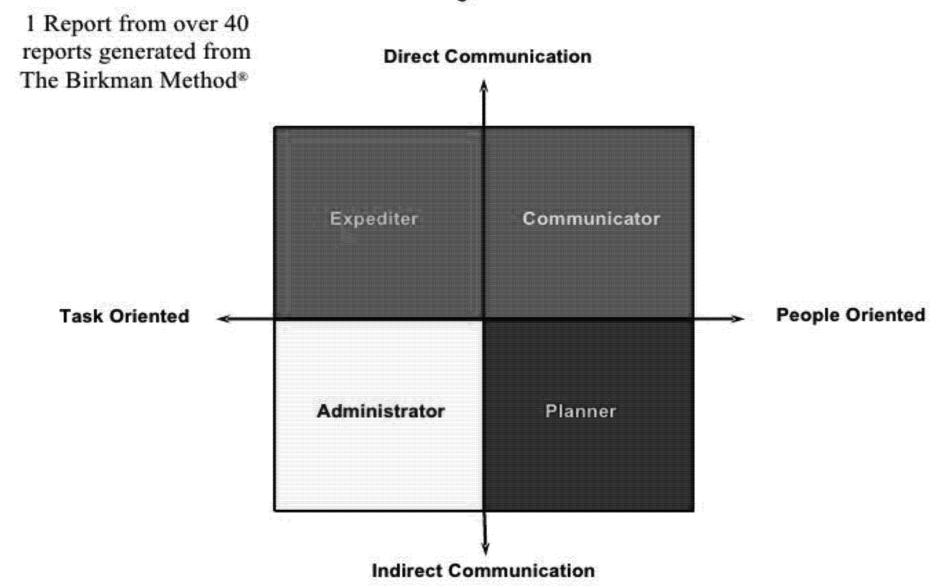
# KNOW YOUR BOSSES NEEDS



# IDENTIFY YOUR BOSS' STYLE



#### Life Style Grid®



TASK PEOPLE

DIRECT COMMUNICATION Activities typical of this quadrant are:

- taking action
- seeing a finished product
- solving practical problems
- working through people
- directing

Activities typical of this quadrant are:

- selling and promoting
- persuading
- motivating people
- counseling or teaching
- working with people

DIRECT COMMUNICATION Activities typical of this quadrant are:

- scheduling
- doing detailed work
- keeping close contact
- · working with numbers
- · working with systems

Activities typical of this quadrant are:

- strategic planning
- · dealing with abstraction
- · thinking of new approaches
- innovating
- working with ideas

# BUILD TRUST



# MORE THOUGHTS/TIPS

- Work out your issues directly with fellow team members.
- Inform about positive things you've heard about the team.
- Pass on valuable information.
- Ask for advice/feedback
- Share your career goals; it can be a win-win.
- Ensure comments/opinions about your boss are kept confidential...or better to not share at all.

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