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POTENTIAL:**

**7 MINDSET ESSENTIALS
FOR SMALL BUSINESS
LEADERSHIP**

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Introduction

A study conducted by the Stanford Graduate School of Business found that entrepreneurs who embody a growth mindset are 34% more likely to achieve high levels of business success compared to those with a fixed mindset.

This statistic underscores the profound impact that an adaptable, learning-oriented approach can have on an entrepreneur's ability to navigate challenges and capitalise on opportunities.

These insights illustrate how crucial mindset is in determining business outcomes. Embracing a growth mindset can transform obstacles into opportunities, driving sustained success in the competitive world of business.

“Success in Business is 80% Mindset and 20% Strategy” – Tony Robbins

In the early 2000s, Sara Blakely, the founder of Spanx, faced numerous rejections from potential manufacturers and investors while trying to launch her product. Most people doubted the viability of her idea, but what set her apart was her unwavering growth mindset.

Instead of seeing rejections as failures, she viewed them as learning experiences. Sara consistently sought feedback and made improvements to her prototypes. Her growth-oriented approach allowed her to refine her product until she finally found a manufacturer who believed in her vision. Today, Spanx is a billion-dollar company, and Sara credits her success to maintaining a positive, growth-oriented mindset despite the initial setbacks.



My Mindset Discovery

Have you ever made a huge mistake in business? The kind of mistake that kept you awake at night, when you may have thought, “*What have I done?!*”...well I certainly have!

I’m going to share one of those experiences with you. Although painful at the time, this experience helped me to understand the importance of developing a growth mindset.

Years ago, before becoming a Business Coach, I was Co-founder and Director of an IT Business.

My business partners and I worked hard as we endeavoured to grow the business. Most of my time focused on sales.

We experienced a number of challenges in the earlier years of the business, as many new companies do. One such challenge was a difficult one for me at the time - I had been working on securing a large IT project with a new customer. It was a project I needed to win as the potential revenue and profit would have really made a difference to our business! I was delighted when we were awarded the project.

In the excitement of winning the project, I made a mistake - I gave financial credit to the customer without checking their credit score or reviewing their financial history.

This mistake became apparent a few weeks later after we had delivered the IT equipment to the customer and invoiced them.

I remember receiving a call from our financial controller that the customer was overdue paying the invoice.

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I called the customer, and they said it would be paid within 2 weeks. Those 2 weeks went by quickly without receiving any payment – I started to worry. I asked our financial controller to run a credit check on the customer. She sent me the report – I read it - it wasn't good!

I thought to myself, “What had I done!”. I should never have given ANY credit to the customer. I felt such an idiot – they should have paid upfront for the equipment.

I had sleepless nights contemplating the worst for our business. I remember thinking, “How can we pay the manufacturer for the equipment?”, “This could ruin our business”.

One night when I was struggling to sleep, I turned on the TV – it was about 2am. An ‘infomercial’ came on featuring a larger-than-life character called Anthony Robbins. I had never heard of him before - his energy and words intrigued me.

Tony was talking about life and business and how mindset plays a key role. He introduced his latest product: ‘Get the Edge’. I was at the point of trying anything, so I reached for my credit card and bought the product.

A week later my ‘Get the Edge’ order arrived – I unpacked the box and opened the CDs (there was no streaming service back then!) and played the first CD.

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My journey of self-development had begun.

A few days later my mindset started to shift. Although uncomfortable, I started to accept where I was. I understood the enormity of the mistake I had made, but I realised that worrying about this situation and ruminating to myself was not going to get me anywhere. I needed to take action.

Over the next few weeks, I focused my energy on potential solutions that could resolve this problem. It really helped that my business partners supported me during this period - we worked together as a team. By then it was clear that the customer could not and would not pay - in fact they were close to bankruptcy! However, we developed a plan to recover the equipment. I implemented some of the teachings from Anthony Robbins by writing down where we wanted to be and noting the steps that we needed to make happen in order to resolve this situation - this help guide me.

I also worked on a plan to re-use the equipment on another project I was working on. It took a few more weeks, but as I started to take steps towards the solution, my confidence was growing. Ultimately, we recovered the equipment, most of which was unused, and we were able to reuse it elsewhere, ensuring no financial impact to our business.

Although painful for me at the beginning, by re-framing how I looked at the situation I was able to use it as a huge learning experience. I created a solution that resolved it, learnt a 'ton' about the importance of mindset, and our business was better for it!

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Never again did I give financial credit to a new customer – we implemented robust processes to ensure this mistake was never repeated.

Years later, with my business partners we developed the business to an annual 8-figure turnover; we supplied our services to leading companies across the UK; and won awards for service excellence.

I no longer look back at the situation as a ‘failure’, I look at it as an experience fundamental to my growth as a business leader.

The business was acquired some years later and continues to do very well.

Whatever ‘failure’ you perceive in your business, I can tell you from my experience that it’s possible to turn around these difficult situations in business and life, even when you feel like you've hit 'rock bottom'.

The ‘key’ is mindset.

So, let me introduce to you the ‘7 Mindset Essentials for Small Business Leadership’:

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7 Mindset Essentials

This resource guide provides details of 7 Mindset Essentials for Small Business Leadership, that I learned in my 15 years running a successful business.

Mindset Essential 1: **Growth Mindset – *Your Journey of Self-development***

A ‘growth’ mindset, a term coined by psychologist Carol Dweck, is the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through dedication, hard work, and continuous learning. For small business owners, adopting a growth mindset means seeing challenges as opportunities to improve and viewing failures not as setbacks, but as lessons that contribute to future success.

Tip - Embrace regular self-development:

Your journey of self-development is a personal one. To start this journey, try to identify an area of your mindset that you want to master or resolve. For example - Do you lack confidence? Are you worrying or stressed about something in your business? Do you struggle with imposter syndrome? Is it something else?

Once you’ve identified an area to improve or resolve, then search for solutions. It’s highly likely they’ll be a book (or audiobook), podcast, YouTube video or on-line article on the subject, that will help you.

Then commit to at least 30 minutes of your time, 3 times a week studying this area of your mindset. I’m a fan of ‘Audible’ and regularly listen to self-development books as a drive, workout or work in my garden!

It’s a great way to learn, grow, and ultimately supports the development of a growth mindset.



7 Mindset Essentials:

Mindset Essential 2:

Resilience – *Moving Forward Despite the Challenges*

Resilience is the ability to withstand, adapt to, and recover from adversity or challenges. For small business owners, resilience means navigating setbacks, failures, and unexpected changes while maintaining focus on long-term goals.

Believe it or not Jeff Bezos was once a small business owner! During the ‘dot-com’ bubble burst in the early 2000s, many online businesses failed. However, Bezos’ resilience and long-term vision allowed Amazon to not only survive but eventually become one of the most successful companies in the world. His adaptability, tolerance for failure, and optimistic outlook played crucial roles in navigating through those turbulent times.

We all face challenges in business and life. I’ve often contemplated that the challenges that we experience get more complex the more challenges we resolve. Not sure if that’s true but sometimes it feels like that! Maybe one of the objectives of life is to overcome the challenges we face? The more challenges we resolve, the more we grow.

Tip: ‘Reframe’ limiting thoughts

Limiting thoughts and limiting beliefs can restrict what we do in a challenging situation. Developing resilience is about moving ahead **despite** the challenge that we are currently experiencing.

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Resilience – *Moving Forward Despite the Challenges*

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Here are some typical limiting thoughts:

“I’ll never understand this”

“I can’t do it”

“I’ll never resolve this”

“Things always go wrong for me”

“That will never work out”

If you think about these or similar beliefs over and over again in your mind, they’ll likely become your reality, because limiting beliefs can influence the decisions we make. They guide us to take a particular action (or no action at all) when an opportunity arises.

Realising that no one is forcing us hold on to these beliefs is the first step to help release them. Remembering that we all have a choice in what we think, say, and do in life is key, especially choice about what we believe or don’t believe.

Letting go of limiting beliefs is life changing.

If you are struggling with one (or more!), try the following:

When the limiting belief shows up, RE-FRAME THE LIMITING BELIEF and say something more helpful out loud, for example:

Limiting thought: *“I’ll never understand this”*

Reframe: *“I’m figuring it out step by step”*

Explanation: This replaces permanent defeat with temporary progress. It reminds you that understanding comes through action and iteration—not instant mastery—so you stay curious and keep moving instead of freezing.

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Limiting thought: *“I can’t do it”***Reframe:** *“I haven’t done it yet”*

Explanation: The word "yet" adds possibility and growth. It acknowledges current skill level without closing the door forever, encouraging persistence and learning (a classic Carol Dweck growth-mindset shift that reduces overwhelm in new business tasks like marketing or systems).

Limiting thought: *“I’ll never resolve this”***Reframe:** *“I’m solving it right now”*

Explanation: This moves you from future hopelessness to present-moment action. It activates problem-solving mode immediately, turning a stuck feeling into momentum—perfect when dealing with complex issues, client conflicts, or tech glitches.

Limiting thought: *“Things always go wrong for me”***Reframe:** *“Setbacks are just data—I learn, adjust my approach, which sets me up for my comeback!”*

Explanation: It reframes "bad luck" as neutral information you can use. Instead of perceiving the situation as a failure, you treat it like feedback in business – data to learn from. This builds resilience and a strategic, winning mindset.

Limiting thought: *“That will never work out”***Reframe:** *“I’m making it work”*

Explanation: This shifts passive prediction to active ownership. It puts you back in the driver's seat - reminding you that outcomes aren't fixed; you get to choose what you think and what actions you'll take to find a way to make it work.

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Mindset Essential 2:

Resilience – *Moving Forward Despite the Challenges*

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Practising re-framing each time you have a persistent negative thought helps to replace the limiting belief habit and can help to develop resilience.

It's amazing how easily this 're-framing' of your situation creates resourcefulness, just by changing the words you say to yourself.

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Mindset Essential 3:

Confidence – *The Place Just Outside Your Comfort Zone*

Confidence plays a pivotal role for a small business owner. It is the foundation upon which successful business decisions are made and helps in navigating the inevitable challenges of entrepreneurship.

Confidence instils a sense of self-assurance in your abilities and judgments, enabling you to take calculated risks, lead your team effectively, and communicate your vision clearly.

It also empowers you to handle setbacks with resilience and adapt to changing market conditions, embracing a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.

Moreover, confidence is contagious. A confident business owner can inspire and motivate employees, build stronger relationships with clients, and create a positive and energetic business environment. This mindset attracts new opportunities and can be the difference between stagnation and growth.

My confidence increased hugely after resolving the financial credit problem that I described earlier. Resolving that problem was evidence for me that I could resolve challenges despite how 'scary' it may feel in the moment.

As I started to learn more about mindset and start to take action, I started to do things that were outside of my comfort zone in different areas of business and life - I started to 'stretch'.

Many of us under-estimate our own capabilities. The 'stretch' helps us to go that one-step further out of our comfort zone. It's outside of our comfort zone where we grow.

'Growth' is about expanding our comfort zone on an ongoing basis as we move through life.

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Mindset Essential 3:**Confidence – The Place Just Outside Your Comfort Zone**

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Tip: Take a small step outside your comfort zone

If you're currently facing a challenging situation, what small step could you make right now towards resolving it?

- Do you need to make a phone call?
- Do you need to make a decision?
- Do you need to say “No”?

The action step you need to make may involve doing something that you haven't done before. Doing it may feel outside of your comfort zone.

If you're struggling to take action, it can be helpful to take time to reflect on your previous achievements and challenges that you've resolved in past:

- What challenge did you resolve in the past that you initially thought you couldn't resolve?
- How did you resolve it?
- What did you learn from that experience?

It's possible that before you resolved that situation, the action step that you took may have previously been outside of your comfort zone. Today that action is within your comfort zone because taking action like this grows your comfort zone. This reflection can remind you what you are capable of and help to boost your confidence.

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Mindset Essential 4: Vision – Your Guiding Star

A personal vision statement is a powerful tool for any small business owner. It serves as your ‘guiding star’, reflecting your deepest aspirations and providing clarity on your long-term objectives for both you and your business. The deeper you go with your vision the better, because the more of the real YOU that you write into your vision statement, the more powerful it will feel.

Here's why creating a personal vision statement is important:

Clarity and Focus - A personal vision statement helps you define your core values, purpose, and goals. It provides a clear direction for both your personal and professional life, helping you stay focused on what truly matters.

Guiding Decisions - With a well-thought out, inspiring, Vision statement, decision-making becomes easier and more aligned with your long-term goals. If you're faced with a difficult challenge, your Vision statement acts as a filter, ensuring that the choices you make are in sync with your overarching vision.

Motivation and Inspiration - A well-articulated vision can serve as a constant source of motivation. It reminds you why you started your business and keeps you inspired during challenging times. This intrinsic motivation can drive you to pursue your goals relentlessly – even when facing challenges.

Here's an example vision statement which includes core values important to this small business owner:

"I will lead with integrity, inspire through leadership, and commit to serving my community with dedication and excellence. My mission is to create a business that prioritises ethical practices, fosters a culture of continuous growth, and makes a meaningful impact by providing exceptional service and support to our customers and partners."

This example vision statement clearly outlines the business owner's commitment to core values and provides a comprehensive direction for both personal and business endeavours.

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Mindset Essential 4: Vision – Your Guiding Star (Continued)

Tip: Define your vision

Answer these questions to help start the process to defining your vision:

What are my core values and principles?

Reflect on the values that are most important to you, such as integrity, leadership, service, innovation, or community. Consider how these values influence your decisions and behaviour in both personal and professional contexts.

What impact do I want my business to have on my community, industry, or the world?

Think about the broader purpose of your business. What positive changes or contributions do you want to make through your work? How do you envision your business helping others?

What are my long-term goals and aspirations for my business and personal life?

Identify your long-term objectives and dreams. Where do you see yourself and your business in the next 5-10 years? Consider both professional achievements and personal fulfilment.

How do I want to be remembered as a leader and individual?

Contemplate the legacy you want to leave behind. What qualities or contributions do you want people to associate with you? How do you want to be perceived by your employees, clients, and community?

Use the answers to these questions to help you write a short, future-focused, compelling vision statement that inspires you. Include your values and principles, the impact that you'll make, your aspirations, and the legacy that you'll leave. Print it out and pin it up - It'll be your 'Guiding Star' that you can refer to regularly. It's especially helpful to refer to it during challenging times, as will help guide your decision making.



Mindset Essential 5: Goal-Driven Mindset: Ignite Your Journey

I like to think of a Vision Statement as a guiding star that guides you where you want to be (and if you've defined it as in Mindset Essential No. 4, it will remind you of **who** you'll be on your journey).

I like to think of goals as your vehicles on your journey to get you to that place where your vision becomes your reality.

Goal setting is a fundamental practice for any small business owner. It provides a clear roadmap for success and helps ensure that your efforts are aligned with your long-term vision.

Here are key reasons why goal setting is so important:

Provides Direction and Focus - Setting goals gives you a clear direction. It helps you focus your efforts on what really matters, ensuring that your daily activities contribute to your overall objectives.

Motivates and Inspires - Goals serve as a source of motivation and inspiration. They give you something to strive for and provide a sense of purpose. Achieving these goals can boost your morale and drive.

Enhances Decision-Making - With specific goals in place, you can make better decisions. Goals act as a filter, helping you to discern which opportunities to pursue and which to decline, ensuring your choices align with your long-term strategy.

The trick with goal setting is you ensure that they align with your vision. Meaning that by achieving your goal/s gets you to that place where your vision becomes your reality.

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Mindset Essential 5: Goal-Driven Mindset: Ignite Your Journey (Continued)

Tip – Create Goals That Drive You: The Rapid Planning Method

Creating a goal-driven mindset is essential for driving progress and achieving success as a small business owner.

There are many goal setting strategies available, however, my favourite is the ‘Rapid Planning Method’ (RPM), created by Tony Robbins.

Tony Robbins’ Rapid Planning Method (RPM) stands for Results-focused, Purpose-driven, Massive Action Plan.

It’s not about managing time or tasks; it’s about designing your days around what truly matters so your goals become the powerful vehicles that turn your vision into reality.

Instead of asking, “What do I need to do today?”, RPM starts with the bigger questions:

- What result do I truly want?
- Why does it matter (my purpose)?
- What’s my massive action plan to make it happen?

This simple three-part framework creates inspiring goals that energise you rather than drain you. Here’s how to use RPM to craft a goal that drives massive momentum in your business.

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Mindset Essential 5: Goal-Driven Mindset: Ignite Your Journey (Continued)

Step 1: Capture – Clear the Mental Clutter

Before you can create focused goals, dump everything swirling in your head.

- Grab a notebook, app, or blank page
- Write down every task, project, worry, idea, or “must-do” related to your business (and life if relevant). No filtering—just brain-dump for 5-10 minutes. Examples: “Fix website bugs,” “Increase revenue by 30%,” “Hire a virtual assistant,” “Feel overwhelmed by the admin I need to do” “Launch new offer,” “Spend more time with family.”

This step frees your mind so you can see patterns and prioritise what actually moves the needle.

Step 2: Chunk – Group into Meaningful Categories

Look at your list from step 1 and group similar items into “chunks” or life/business areas.

- Common chunks for small business owners: Revenue & Sales, Marketing & Visibility, Operations & Systems, Team & Hiring, Personal Energy & Balance, Product/Service Development
- Ask: “What bigger themes or areas of focus emerge here?”

This prevents overwhelm and helps you zoom out to the level where real goals live—not tiny tasks, but meaningful outcomes.

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Mindset Essential 5: Goal-Driven Mindset: Ignite Your Journey (Continued)

Step 3: Create Your RPM Block – Build an Inspiring Goal

Pick one high-impact chunk (start with the one that will create the biggest leverage in your business right now). For each RPM block, answer the three core questions in this exact order:

A. Result (R) – What specific outcome do I want?

Be clear, measurable, and exciting. Make it vivid - what will success look, feel, and measure like?

- Weak: “Grow my business”
- Strong: “Generate £10,000 in new monthly recurring revenue from my new product by the end of Q2” Write it at the top of your block.

B. Purpose (P) – Why do I want this?

What’s the deeper reason? Connect emotionally to the result you want - this is the fuel. Dig into the “why” that lights you up and keeps you going during challenges.

Example: “So I can achieve financial freedom, provide security for my family, have the flexibility to travel, and make a bigger impact for my clients who deserve transformation.”

Write 1-3 powerful “whys” Read them aloud—they should create excitement or emotion.

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C. Massive Action Plan (MAP) – What must I do to achieve this result?

Brainstorm every action that could move you toward the result (no editing yet). Then prioritise the few highest-leverage ones.

List 5–10 actions, then select the top 3–5 that will create the most momentum. Examples for the revenue goal above:

1. Refine offer based on client feedback (this week).
2. Create and launch a webinar funnel (next 30 days).
3. Run targeted ads to build waitlist (ongoing).
4. Schedule 5 sales calls per week.
5. Follow up with past leads. Make actions specific, timed where possible, and focused on what you can control.

Step 4: Schedule & Execute – Turn RPM into Daily Reality

- Block time on your calendar for your top MAP actions first (before reactive tasks)
- Review your RPM blocks weekly (Sunday ritual works great) to capture new items, chunk, and refresh results/purpose/actions.
- Daily: Glance at your key RPM goal(s) each morning to align your energy.

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Mindset Essential 5: Goal-Driven Mindset: Ignite Your Journey (Continued)

Quick Example: RPM for a Small Business Owner

Chunk: Revenue Growth

Result: Secure 10 new customers (£5k+ product packages) in the next 90 days

Purpose: To scale my income so I can hire help, reduce burnout, invest in systems, and create lasting freedom while serving more people deeply.

Massive Action Plan:

- Finalise and price new premium package (by Friday)
- Build advertisement and email sequence (next 2 weeks)
- Host 2 live workshops/webinars per month
- Reach out to 20 warm leads weekly
- Track pipeline in my Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system daily.

By using RPM, your goals stop feeling like obligations and start feeling like exciting commitments aligned with your bigger vision.

Practice this weekly and watch how quickly your business—and your life—shifts from reactive busyness to purposeful progress.

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Mindset Essential 6:

Adaptability – The Only Thing Constant in Life is Change

Flexibility and adaptability are crucial traits for small business owners due to the dynamic nature of the business environment.

Here's why these qualities are so important:

Responding to Market Changes - Markets can change rapidly due to new trends, technologies, or economic shifts. Being flexible allows you to adjust your strategies to meet new market demands and stay competitive.

Handling Uncertainty - The entrepreneurial journey is often unpredictable. Flexibility helps you manage uncertainties and navigate unforeseen challenges smoothly, turning potential obstacles into opportunities.

Customer Needs and Feedback - Customer preferences and feedback can change over time. Adapting to these changes enables you to improve your products or services, enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty.

As a business owner, learning that there are many things outside of my control was key for me. I learned that ultimately, I am only in control of what I think, say and do.

There have been times in my business life where I tried to control a situation that was beyond my control or change a decision that was not mine to make! In the end I just ended up wasting a lot of my time and energy doing that!

I also learned that nothing stays the same for long – especially in business. It's important to learn how to embrace that.

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Mindset Essential 6:**Adaptability – The Only Thing Constant in Life is Change**

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Tip: Put on your ‘tap-dancing’ shoes

Creating a mindset that is flexible and adaptable as a small business owner involves cultivating certain attitudes and practices. It means being ready to put your ‘tap-dancing’ shoes at a moment’s notice to read a situation and adjust your actions and strategy (if required).

Here are some steps to help you develop an adaptive mindset:

Embrace Continuous Learning –

- Stay Informed: Keep up with industry trends, new technologies, and market changes. Continuous education allows you to anticipate shifts and respond effectively.
- Be Open to New Ideas: Always be on the lookout for innovative solutions and alternative ways to achieve your goals – especially from your team as they may know more than you realise!

Cultivate a Positive Attitude Toward Change -

- View Change as an Opportunity: Instead of fearing change, see it as a chance to grow, learn, and innovate.
- Stay Optimistic: Maintain a positive outlook. Believing that you can handle challenges will make you more resilient and adaptable.

Practice Mindfulness and Reflection -

- Regular Reflection: Take time to reflect on your experiences and learn from both successes and (perceived) ‘failures’. This can provide valuable insights for future adaptability.
- Mindfulness Practices: Engage in mindfulness exercises like meditation to stay calm and focused. This can enhance your ability to respond flexibly to unexpected situations.

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Mindset Essential 7: Proactivity – *Be One Step Ahead*

A proactive attitude is crucial for small business owners due to several key reasons:

Anticipates Challenges and Opportunities:

- Early Problem Detection - Being proactive means you are constantly looking ahead to identify potential issues or obstacles before they become significant problems. This allows you to create solutions in advance, minimising disruption.
- Seizing Opportunities - Proactive business owners keep an eye out for opportunities in the market. They don't wait for chances to come to them; they actively seek them out, giving them a competitive edge.

Drive Growth and Innovation:

- Continuous Improvement - A proactive approach helps you stay ahead of trends and continuously improve your products, services, and processes. This mindset fosters innovation and keeps your business relevant.
- Strategic Planning - By planning ahead and setting strategic goals, you position your business for long-term growth and success.

Enhances Customer Satisfaction:

- Meeting Customer Needs - Proactively seeking feedback and understanding customer needs allows you to anticipate their demands and exceed their expectations, leading to higher customer satisfaction and loyalty.
- Building Relationships - Proactively engaging with your customers builds stronger relationships and trust, which can lead to repeat business and referrals.

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Mindset Essential 7: Proactivity – Be One Step Ahead (Continued)

Tip: Making that step ahead

Creating a proactive mindset involves adopting a forward-thinking approach and developing habits that encourage anticipation and preparation.

How about arranging a weekly review and planning session to help you cultivate a more proactive mindset?

The Weekly Review & Planning Session:

Review: At the end of each week, take some time to reflect on the past week's activities. What were your achievements? What challenges did you face? What could be improved?

Plan: Outline the key tasks and goals for the upcoming week. Prioritise items that align with your long-term vision and allocate specific time slots in your calendar for each task.

Adjust: Based on your reflections and new information, adjust your goals and strategies. Be open to making changes that can lead to better outcomes.

Visualise: Spend a few minutes visualising the successful completion of your goals. Close your eyes and try to picture what achieving your goal looks like (and feels like). This mental practice can boost motivation and reinforce your proactive mindset.

By incorporating these steps into your daily routine, you'll be well on your way to developing a proactive mindset that helps you anticipate challenges, seize opportunities, and stay ahead in both business and life.

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7 Mindset Essentials:

Conclusion: *Embrace Your Journey to Unlock Your Potential*

Unlocking your potential as a small business owner begins with adopting the right mindset. By embracing these seven mindset essentials, you are setting the foundation for a thriving and fulfilling entrepreneurial journey:

1. **Growth Mindset** - Commit to continuous self-development and see every challenge as an opportunity to learn and grow.
2. **Resilience** - Cultivate the strength to keep moving forward despite the challenges, knowing that every setback is a setup for a comeback.
3. **Confidence** - Push your boundaries and step outside your comfort zone, where true confidence is built.
4. **Vision** - Clearly define where you want to go, with a vision statement that guides your every decision.
5. **Goals** - Set ambitious, actionable goals that ignite your passion and drive your business forward, using the RPM strategy.
6. **Adaptability** - Embrace change as a constant companion and adapt proactively to stay ahead in the ever-evolving business landscape.
7. **Proactivity** - Always strive to be one step ahead, anticipating challenges and seizing opportunities with foresight and strategic planning.

By integrating these principles into your daily routine, you will not only unlock your potential but also pave the way for sustained success and fulfilment in your business.

Remember, the journey of entrepreneurship is a marathon, not a sprint. Stay committed to nurturing these mindsets, and watch your business and life transform in extraordinary ways.

Here's to your growth, resilience, confidence, vision, determination, adaptability, and proactive spirit. Keep pressing forward, unlocking new levels of success each day!



ABOUT ME

Hi, I'm Kev, thank you for reading 'Unlocking Your Potential: 7 Mindset Essentials for Small Business Leadership'.

I've spent most of my career in I.T., moving from technical to sales roles, but the real turning point came in 2004 when I co-founded an I.T. business with two friends.

It was thrilling—and anything but easy...

We faced challenges: cash flow management, tough client demands, fierce competition, the occasional internal disagreement! and sleepless nights filled with stress. At the same time, my personal life brought its own heavy blows, including the loss of loved ones and a divorce. In those moments, everything felt overwhelming.

But looking back, those hardships were transformative. They forced me to shift my perspective, rebuild resilience, and grow into a stronger version of myself—both personally and professionally.

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About me:

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By reframing obstacles as opportunities, I not only helped steer our business through the storms but also secured major contracts with some of the UK's largest customers and earned awards for Service Excellence.

Working alongside talented people made it all possible, and I'm proud that the business continues to thrive after its 2019 acquisition.

Those experiences—running a small business through real challenges and bouncing back stronger—are exactly why I became a coach. I know firsthand what it's like to wear all the hats, face uncertainty, and keep going when it feels impossible.

Having my own coaches during those tough times changed everything: they helped me transform my "inner game," see fresh possibilities in my life and work, and turn pressure into progress.

I began my coach training while still leading the business, immediately applying what I learned to improve team dynamics, decision-making, and my own leadership.

The results were profound—for me and the company.

I founded New Perspectives Executive Coaching to help other small business owners do the same: navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and build businesses (and lives) that they're truly proud of.

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About me:

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Today, I work with small business owners from a variety of markets who bring diverse challenges to every session. Whether it's scaling under pressure, managing stress, rebuilding after setbacks, or gaining clarity on the next big move, I bring empathy, practical insight from my own journey, and proven coaching strategies to help you create new perspectives and real momentum.

Outside of coaching, I live in the stunning Conwy Valley in North Wales. I'm passionate about technology, learning Welsh, cold-water swimming, and practicing Wing Chun Kung Fu.

My Credentials

I'm a certified coach committed to the highest professional standards, including full adherence to the ICF Code of Ethics (happy to share details on request). My key accreditations include:

- Coach Certification, Robbins Madanes Training (RMT)
- Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching, Academy of Executive Coaching (AOEC)
- Enhanced Practitioner, Foundations of Great Coaching, World Business & Executive Coach Summit (WBECS)
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Is This Your Turning Point?

If you're a small business owner and tired of feeling stuck, overwhelmed, or alone with the weight of your business and you want clarity, momentum, and a business & life you're truly proud of, let's talk.

Request a complimentary Discovery Call with me.

In this no-pressure conversation we'll:

- Look honestly at where you are right now in your business and life
- Identify the biggest obstacles or opportunities in front of you
- Explore whether coaching with me could be the right next step for you

No obligation - just conversation and clarity. Click the link below:

<https://www.newperspectivesec.com/discovery-call/>

All the very best to you!

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