

**5 Things
You Cannot
Carry Into
Your Future**

RULE # 1

BE NORMAL

- Makes change and new ideas difficult
- People who are normal talk and think about normal things
- No story worth telling is normal
- BTW – Chasing Excellence will make you normal!!

Leonard Sweet says, "The truth is, Jesus stood, 'normal' on its head. Christians are called to see the world through Jesus' eyes, not from a normal point of view."

RULE #2

AVOID MISTAKES

- Playing it safe keeps new ideas from happening!
- Many wonderful things have been discovered by accident. Chocolate chip cookies, potato chips, silly putty, and post-it notes were all created by mistake.
- Most churches play defense rather than offense. Wayne Gretzky says, “You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”
- Can you imagine a church going through an entire year with the goal of avoiding mistakes?

RULE #3

BE INDEPENDENT

- Striving to be independent will cause your quality to decay.
- It robs us of doing new things in new ways.
- A plan that doesn't allow for collaboration results in redundancy!
- Collaboration takes 6 hrs.

RULE #4

STAY COMFORTABLE

- “Patterns become prisons.”
- Routine can quickly diminish returns.
- Comfortability sustained robs progress.
- Puts us in danger of missing what God might have for us.
- Minor sacrifice results in NO GROWTH.

“Kids with high IQs learn how to play chess faster—but once their peers catch up, they may no longer have an advantage. While a high IQ helps kids learn the game and acquire the basic skills required to play, once other kids catch up intelligence level doesn't matter, but deliberate practice does. To become an expert, you need to be willing

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to sacrifice short-term pleasure for satisfaction of success down the road. A key tenet of deliberate practice is that it's generally not enjoyable. Instead, it's about doing things that don't come naturally or easily, which can be tough. 'Practice really involves failing a lot until you eventually reach your goal.'”

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RULE #5

SIMPLE THINGS YOU DO DON'T MATTER

- A final result can be easily broadcast but the small, endless, year after year efforts are not easy to report.
- Treating people with dignity, once a day, 5 days a week for years can change the culture of a company or a church.
- What you do and who you are matters.