# in SIGHTS REAL TIME ON-DEMAND

People-First Leadership Skills for the Busy Title Agency Manager

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"Are you hiring dead people or are you killing them on the job?"

-Susan Scott, Fierce Conversations



### Our Learning Goals

- Appreciate that a participatory, coaching style of leadership is a strategy for attracting, engaging, and retaining great people.
- Understand that today's modern work force wants a manager who is invested in their **professional development**, and who actively listens and acts upon their ideas.
- Learn the core manager **communications skills** that drive employee engagement and loyalty:
  - Setting expectations
  - Praise
  - Feedback
  - Coaching

### "Not" People First Leadership



### **Poll Question:**

What are your top two "people" manager challenges (select two)?

- Attracting, growing and retaining great people
- Interpersonal conflict/workplace gossip/negative attitude
- Poor communication/low team collaboration
- Low engagement, people doing the minimum
- Lack of next-level leaders

Managers
have a 73%
variance on
employee
engagement.

-Gallup

### **Chat Question:**

Of all the "people" challenges in the poll, what %, or #, do managers have influence over?

## "Building people before building cars."

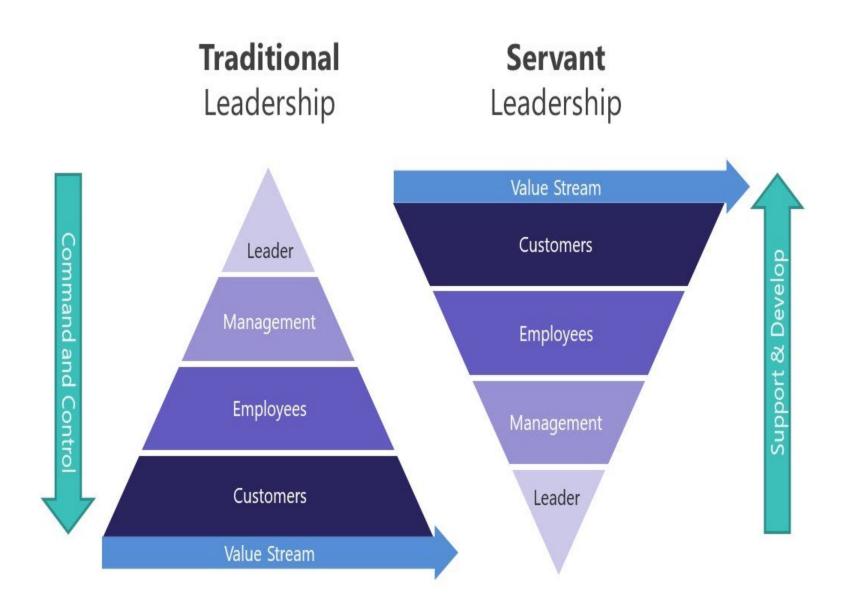
-Toyota



## "Servant Leadership"

Occurs when a leader seeks to serve others first.

Versus individuals who seek leadership because of power, status or wealth considerations.



### **Poll Question:**

What % of employees say their manager helps them set performance goals?

- 5%
- 13%
- 33%
- 55%
- 72%

# "Only 13% of employees strongly agree that their leaders help them set **performance goals."**

-Gallup

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# Only 17% of millennials report receiving meaning-ful feedback"

-Gallup



### 4 Army Groups Were Told...

- Group 1 exact distance (20km) of march and received regular feedback on progress
- Group 2 "you'll march 15 km" but at 14 km mark were told "you have 6 km to go"
- Group 3 "this is the long march" and never received feedback on their progress
- Group 4 "you'll march 25 km" but at 14 km mark were told "you only have 6 km to go"

### **BIG** Feedback ++ (Set Up)

- **+Ask a Permission Question-** "Do you have a few minutes to talk about your team collaboration efforts?"
- + Provide Balance "90% of your work is of a very high quality, it's just this one area that you need to strengthen."
- Behavior "I've noticed you doing basics of job but not helping out your peers (give specific examples).
- mpact of behaviors "The impact is...it's hurting team morale and collaboration; shift task coordination is suffering, which is hurting the customer experience.
- Going Forward "Can we talk about what's going on and come up with a plan for moving forward?

#### **Chat Exercise:**

Please think of a current, or past, employee situation and write out a BIG feedback script.

Smaller, Sooner conversations are better than Larger, Later conversations.



### **Army March Chat Question**

Please drop in chat (on my command) which group # took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place

### **Army March Results**

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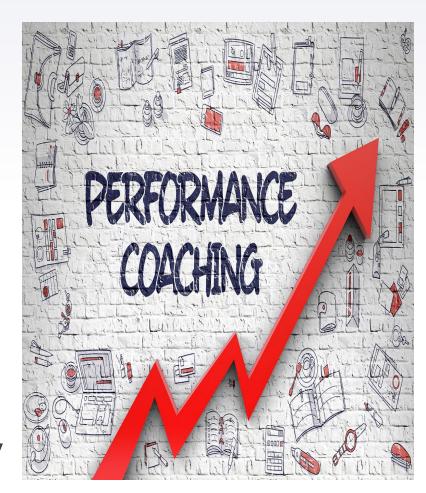
87% of millennials rate professional or career growth and development opportunities as important to them in a job."

-Gallup



# One-on-ones and Coaching Guidelines

- Co-create clear goal (s) for conversation
- Coachee speaks 75-80%
- Coach asks great (mostly open) questions
- Coach is a great active listener
- Solution oriented, encouraging, supportive
- Accountability → Actions & Next Steps → WHO is doing WHAT by WHEN?



### Creating a Cadence of Communications

- Daily check-ins
- Weekly team meetings
- Daily huddles
- Monthly one-on-ones
- Quarterly town halls
- Annual team retreat

"78% of U.S. employees say that being recognized motivates them at their job."

-Global Force

### **QUESTIONS?**

### **Thank You!**

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