

20 SUGGESTIONS FOR BETTER TIME MANAGEMENT

- 1. **Develop the desire to manage your time effectively.** Without the motivation to organize time, most of the suggestions that follow will never be used.
- 2. **Be physically vigorous.** Maintain good health by eating properly, getting enough sleep and exercising regularly. These seem to be correlated with good time management.
- 3. **Expand your horizons.** Try to do something new and different as often as possible. It increases adaptability and flexibility.
- 4. **Face up to the fear of failure.** Enormous amounts of time are consumed by fear of failure, insecurity, rigidity, and worry.
- 5. **Set goals and establish priorities.** Once long and short terms goals are decided and priorities are set, allocate time accordingly.
- 6. **Plan.** Know where you want to go and plan accordingly. Use daily "to do" lists.
- 7. **Delegate whenever possible.** Be careful not to take all the responsibility all the time.
- 8. Learn to procrastinate effectively. Respond only to real needs, preferably yours. Put off until tomorrow that which by tomorrow may not have to be done at all.
- 9. **Consider all waiting time as a "gift of time".** Use unexpected waiting time to your own advantage-relax, plan, read, etc.
- 10.**Control the flow of paper.** Handle a piece of paper only once. When in doubt, throw it out.
- 11. Arrange some time to relax. Refresh and do nothing.
- 12. **Use driving time** to review or practice something.

- 13. **Decide which things in life are worth perfectionism** and let yourself do less than perfect on things which aren't.
- 14. Learn to say no to others when appropriate.
- 15. **Examine old habits** for possible streamlining.
- 16. Post signs and notes to yourself to remind you of your goals.
- 17.**Don't waste time feeling guilty** about what you don't do.
- 18.**Eat a light lunch** so you don't get sleepy in the afternoon.
- 19. Get an early start on major projects.
- 20.Often ask yourself: What is the best use of my time right now?