

6-DAY TIME MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

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HOW TO USE

Time is your most precious resource—once spent, it's gone forever.

Today, we focus on mastering your time so you can prioritise what truly matters and create more space for joy and purpose.

The key to effective time management isn't doing more but doing what aligns with your values and goals.

This worksheet will help you clarify your priorities, assess your current use of time, and make adjustments that better serve your life and aspirations.

TIME MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

A Five-Step Roadmap to Mastering Your Time

STEP 1: CLARIFY YOUR PRIORITIES

The foundation of effective time management is understanding what's genuinely important to you.

Identify Core Areas

Take a moment to reflect on the most critical aspects of your life:

- Personal: Health, family relationships, personal growth.
- Professional: Key projects, career development, critical meetings.
- Self-Care: Hobbies, relaxation, mental and physical wellness.

Set Meaningful Goals

Break down your goals into two perspectives:

- Short-term: Immediate tasks and challenges that need attention.
- Long-term: Broader vision and aspirations that guide your daily decisions.

STEP 2: DESIGN YOUR IDEAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Your schedule should be a flexible framework that supports your priorities, not a rigid constraint that causes stress.

Strategic Time Blocking

Create intentional periods for different activities:

- **Morning Routine (6:00 AM - 8:00 AM):** Set the tone for your day with focused, energising activities.
- **Deep Work Blocks (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM):** Allocate uninterrupted time for your most important tasks.
- **Strategic Breaks:** Short 10-minute refreshers every hour and a proper 30-minute lunch.
- **Evening Wind-Down:** Time for reflection and preparation.

Theme Your Days

Assign specific focuses to different days:

- Monday: Meetings and planning.
- Tuesday: Creative work.
- Wednesday: Administrative tasks.
- Thursday: Deep strategic thinking.
- Friday: Review and adjust.

STEP 3: LEVERAGE SCHEDULING TOOLS

Technology can be your ally in managing time effectively.

Digital Solutions

- Use Google Calendar for comprehensive scheduling.
- Employ task management apps like **Todoist** or **Asana**.
- Set reminders and create visual task lists.

Analogue Alternatives

- Bullet journaling for those who prefer pen and paper.
- A hybrid approach combining digital and physical planning.

STEP 4: CONTINUOUS EVALUATION AND ADJUSTMENT

Time management is not a one-time setup but an ongoing process.

Daily Micro-Reviews

Spend 5-10 minutes each evening:

- Reflect on what worked well.
- Identify areas for improvement.
- Adjust tomorrow's plan accordingly.

Weekly Strategic Check-Ins

Take a broader view:

- Analyse overall time usage.
- Rebalance tasks for the upcoming week.
- Celebrate your wins and learn from challenges.

You may like to purchase “The Winner’s Way”, a gratitude journal to celebrate your wins and unlock the power of positivity and personal growth.

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STEP 5: BUILD DISCIPLINE THROUGH CONSISTENT ROUTINES

Routines transform good intentions into habitual actions.

Morning Routine (1-2 hours)

- Hydrate and practice mindfulness.
- A quick exercise to energise.
- Review daily priorities.
- Set a positive, intentional tone.

Evening Routine (30 minutes)

- Reflect on the day's accomplishments.
- Plan the next day's tasks.
- Practice gratitude or relaxation techniques.

TIME MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Potential Barriers to Watch

- Unexpected distractions.
- Overcommitment.
- Lack of clear boundaries.

Actionable Strategies

- Simplify complex tasks.
- Learn to delegate.
- Batch similar activities.
- Create buffer time in your schedule.

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DAY 1: CLARITY & ASSESSMENT

Priority Identification

- List your top 5 life priorities.
- Categorise priorities (personal, professional, self-care).
- Conduct a comprehensive time usage audit.

Goal Setting

- Define 3 short-term goals.
 - Outline 3 long-term objectives.
 - Create an initial baseline of current time management.
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DAY 2: STRATEGIC SCHEDULING

Schedule Design

- Create an initial weekly template.
- Design morning routine.
- Design evening routine.
- Implement initial time-blocking technique.

Routine Establishment

- Identify peak productivity hours.
 - Block deep work periods.
 - Schedule dedicated breaks.
 - Map ideal day structure.
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DAY 3: TOOL IMPLEMENTATION

Digital Tools

- Research time management apps.
- Select calendar management system.
- Select task management tool.
- Configure initial settings.

Tracking Systems

- Set up digital tracking.
 - Create an analogue backup system (notebook/planner).
 - Establish initial tracking metrics.
 - Create a reminder system for key tasks.
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DAY 4: ROUTINE REFINEMENT

Performance Review

- Conduct a daily 10-minute evening review.
- Track time spent on key activities.
- Identify your top 3 time-wasting activities.
- Develop strategies to eliminate distractions.

Optimisation

- Adjust time blocks based on initial insights.
 - Streamline task management process.
 - Implement initial productivity techniques.
 - Create contingency plans for unexpected disruptions.
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DAY 5: DISCIPLINE & CONSISTENCY

Habit Formation

- Establish a consistent wake-up time.
- Create a morning preparation ritual.
- Develop an evening wind-down routine.
- Practice mindfulness/meditation.

Accountability

- Identify accountability partner.
 - Set weekly check-in schedule.
 - Create a personal rewards system.
 - Develop resilience strategies.
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DAY 6: SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM

System Integration

- Review and integrate all previous strategies.
- Align daily actions with long-term goals.
- Create a personalised productivity framework.
- Develop a continuous improvement plan.

Long-Term Sustainability

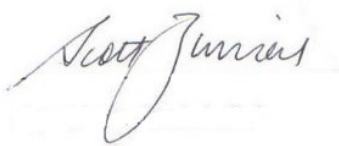
- Document successful strategies.
 - Create a quarterly review process.
 - Establish flexibility in time management approach.
 - Commit to ongoing personal development.
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Have fun with this strategy and let me know how it goes!

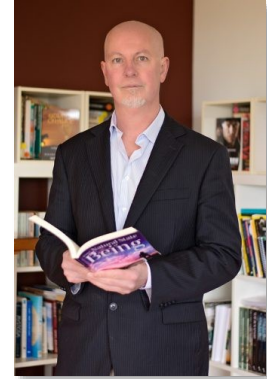
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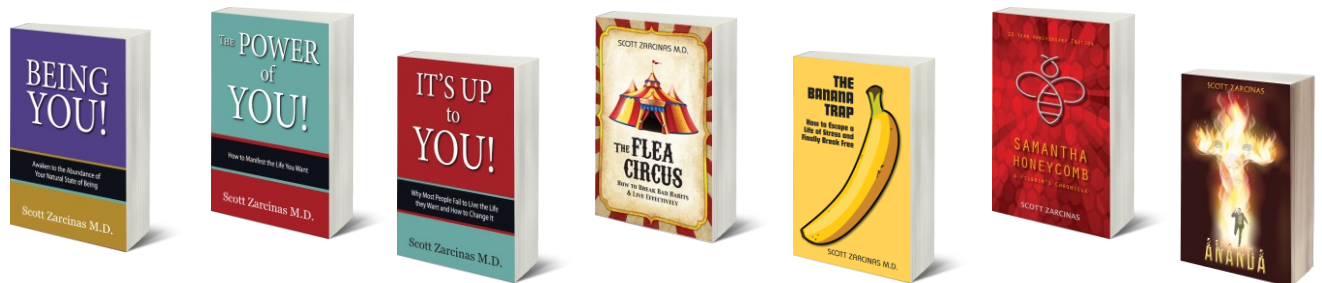


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