

# HOW TO THINK LIKE THE GREATS

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BAD thinking...

- Stinking Thinking – Bad Attitude
- Narrow Thinking – Not open to new ideas
- Cynical Thinking – Everything is half empty
- Over Thinking – Analysis Paralysis
- Group Thinking- “Popular” Thinking
- What were you Thinking?

## 10 THINKING SKILLS OF EVERY GREAT LEADER:

### 1. Big Picture Thinking —

- “allows you to see more and before others see. The fastest person doesn’t win the race. It is the one who starts first.”
- Keep learning, growing and keep looking at the big picture!

#### 5 Questions to help you think bigger:

1. What doesn’t fit that we’re spending time and energy on?
2. What would someone outside of my challenge do if they were in charge?
3. Is the foundation of my business consistent with the strategy I’m implementing?
4. Do I fully understand why we do it that way?
5. What might be the long-term consequences?

### 2. Creative Thinking —

- Creative thinking says.. “What if?” “Imagine what...”
- Creative thinkers have a different lens and see beyond black & white, and have a pallet of colors on the spectrum.

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– JOHN C. MAXWELL

### 3. Realistic Thinking –

- “Most dreams don’t reach their potential because they don’t have a foundation.”
- So even though you are grounded in reality, reality is the platform for a greater vision and purpose for your life. But don’t get stuck in reality, start thinking “possibility”!
- Vision – Where you want to be.  
A preferred picture of your future.
- Purpose – Why you exist; what makes you passionate?

### 4. Strategic Thinking –

- “Results from asking the right questions.”
- Involves the Who, What, Where, by When, and HOW?
- It means gathering the right data.
- Strategic thinkers are thinking 5-10 moves ahead.

#### 5 Questions to elevate your Strategic Thinking:

1. What are our measurable wins?
2. How are we doing now?
3. What needs to get better?
4. What needs to go
5. What needs to improve

### 5. Possibility Thinking –

- “the opportunities we receive in life come from possibility thinking more than any single thing.”

### 6. Reflective Thinking –

- “Experience is not the best teacher. Reflective thinking allows you to extract wisdom from experience.”

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Make time at the end of every day for one week to answer these questions:

- What do I feel?
- What do I think?
- What do I know?

### **7. Collaborative Thinking —**

- “The most effective way to have a great idea.”
- The right people to bounce your ideas off of.
- But be CAREFUL, you don’t want those that are too quick to throw cold water; but, you have to be open to pushback without getting defensive.

### **8. Unselfish Thinking —**

- “The biggest roadblock to reaching your potential is you.”

### **9. Bottom Line Thinking —**

- “The greatest gap between successful and unsuccessful people is how they think.”
- “It is a personal value of mine to always exceed expectations.”

Determine your two targets:

1. I can add value to people by...
2. I can get the greatest EROI by focusing on...

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