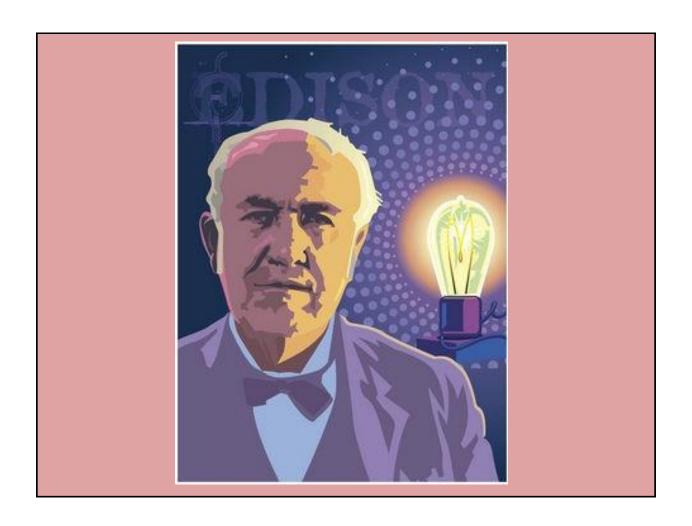
Relationship Intelligence: How to Improve Your Team's Communication to Increase Innovation



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Roadmap: Where we are going! TEAM Focus: Relationship Intelligence Dealing with conflict Team Toxins INDIVIDUAL Focus: Leadership Presence Self Leadership

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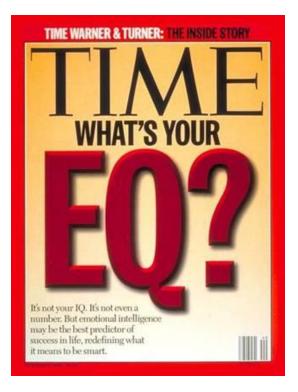
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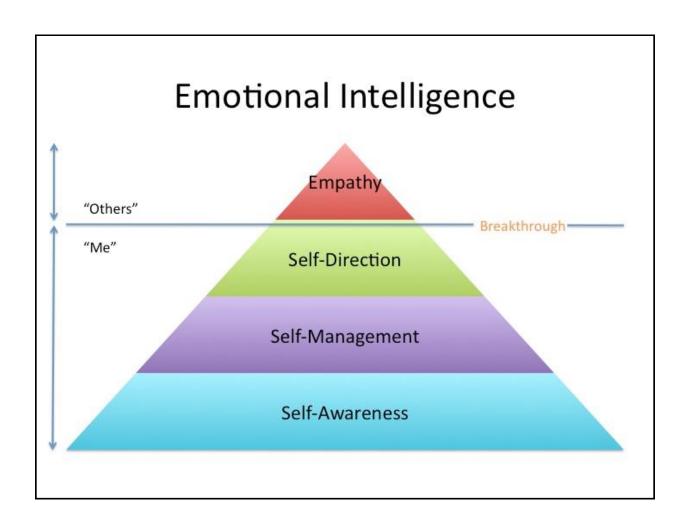
- From The Innovator's Way



Emotional Intelligence (EQ)

EQ =
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+
Self
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Relationship Intelligence (RQ)



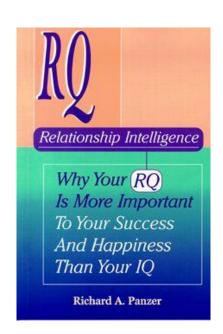
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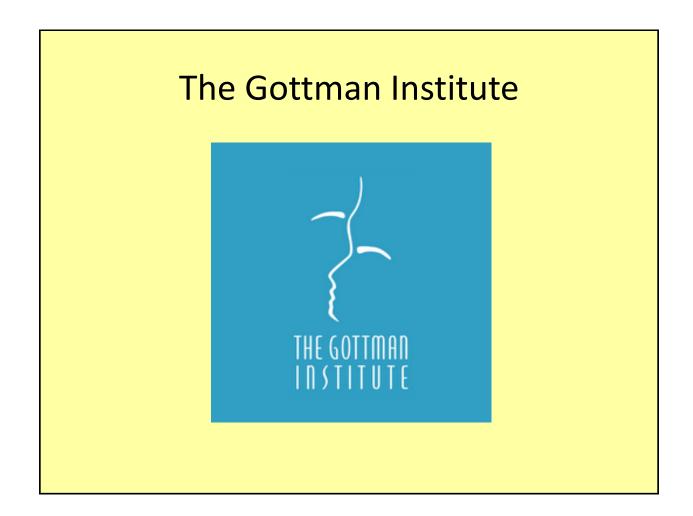


Personal Reflection: Deepen the Learning

Self Reflection

Think of a relationship with a rub or conflict.

- 1. When you are engaged in the conflict, how do you behave? What triggers you?
- 2. How does the other person behave? What triggers them?
- 3. What frustrates you about how the conflict is handled in this relationship?
- 4. What do you appreciate about how it's handled?



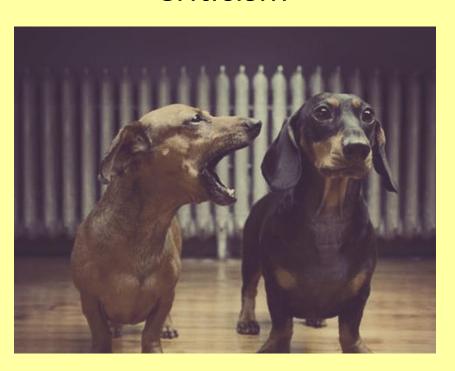
Team Toxins



Four Team Toxins

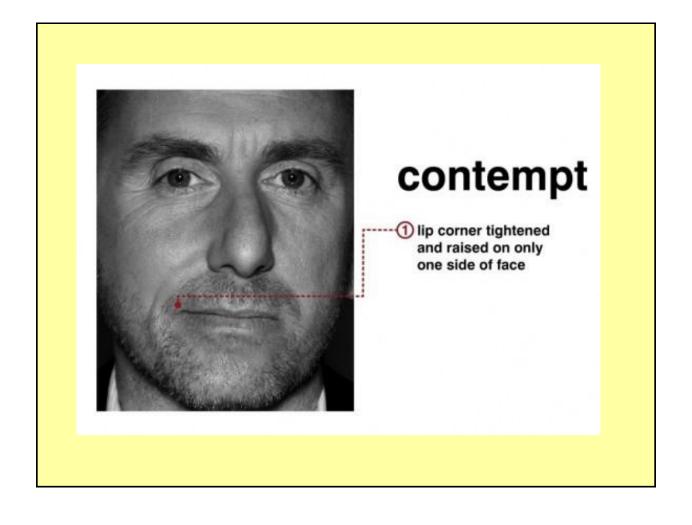
- Criticism "It's your fault." OR "You always/never..."
- 2. Defensiveness "It's not my fault."
- 3. Contempt "You IDIOT!"
- 4. Stonewalling "Forget about it." OR Silence

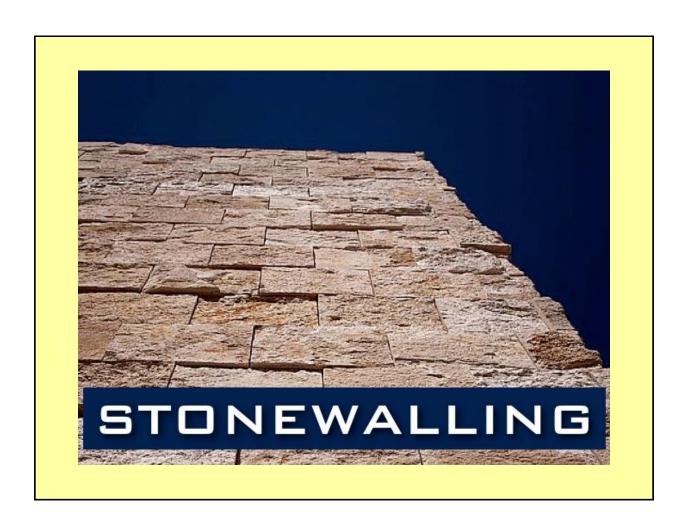
Criticism











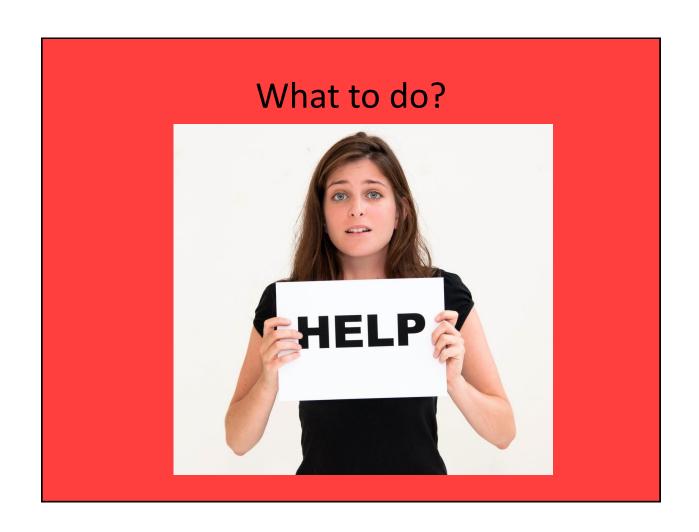
Flooding



Personal Reflection

Self Reflection

- 1. Which toxin is your personal "favorite"/do you do best?
- 2. Which horseman is showing up most in your conflict example?
- 3. Which is most damaging to this relationship?
- 4. Which toxin shows up most in your organization?



Criticism Antidotes



- Blaming involves finger
 pointing and refusal to take responsibility.
- Use "I" statements rather than "you". Instead
 of blaming say: "I feel ______ about this
 behavior _____ and I want you to _____."
- Get curious. Be open to influence. Ask questions.

Defensiveness Antidotes

- Practice the 2% rule.
- If only 2% of what they are criticizing about you were true, what part of it could you own?

Defensive behavior is the primary barrier to effective communication because when a person is being defensive they actually don't really listen to the other person.

And if listening isn't present, how can two people **effectively communicate** with each other?

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- Ask yourself, "What's my contribution?"
- Get curious. Be open to influence. Ask questions.

Contempt Antidotes



- Make a commitment to stop.
- Check and see if you are flooded and ask for a break.
- Resume when you can continue without losing control. Then address the <u>behaviors</u> you want to see changed using the "I feel...when you...and I want..." format.
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Stonewalling Antidotes

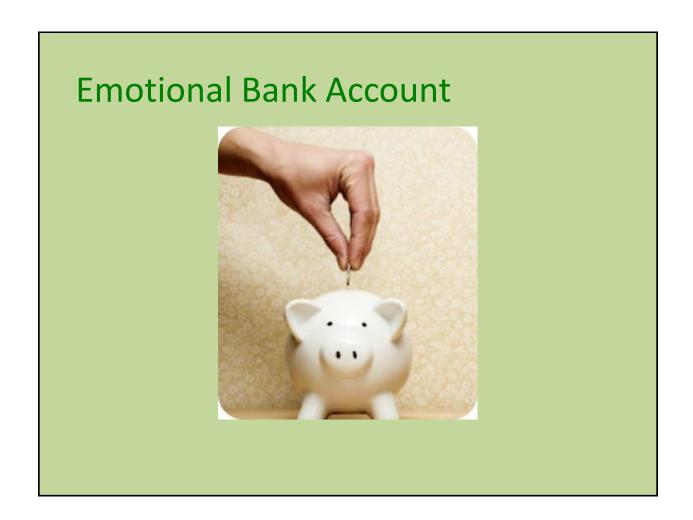


- Check to see if you are flooded and tell them.
- Request a brief break and say, "I will be back at ____ (time)."
- Take a few moments to figure out what you want to say and return at the agreed upon time.
- Get curious. Be open to influence. Ask questions.



Soft Start-ups

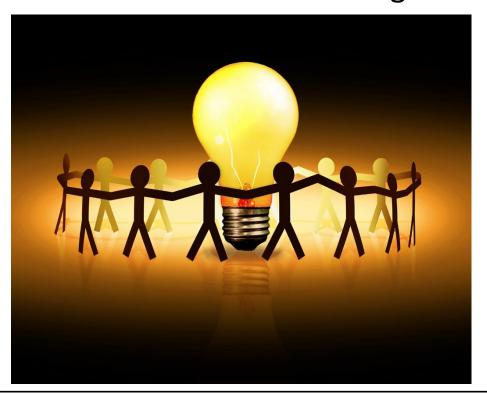
- 96% of the time you can predict the outcome of a conversation on the first 3 minutes of the 15 min. interaction!
- If you start the discussion with a harsh startup, pull the plug, take a breather and start over with a soft start-up.



Going from invention to....



Innovative team that works together!



ACTION

- 1. What can I do differently to improve this relationship?
- 2. What is one action/intention I will commit to in regards to this relationship?