

Basic Leading and Teaching – Week 3 – “Strategic Leading, Planning, and Thinking”
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Intro:

- Strategy in Greek described the entirety of an effective commander-in-chief.
 - Includes:
 - Leadership
 - Administration
 - Working with allies
 - How to bring an enemy to battle
 - Knowing which tactics to deploy

1) Strategic Thinking

- Definition: Strategic thinking is thinking about the longer term and the more important ends in any situation, and the pathways that may or may not lead to them. (Jerry Adair)
- Tactics – Knowing what to do
- Logistics – Ordering tactics for success
- Strategic thinking calls for vision.

2) Strategic Planning

- Strategic planning is outlining and aligning every step of the process for a set initiative, goal, etc.
- Strategic planning does not have to be complicated.
- Strategic planning is never done in isolation.

3) Strategic Leadership

- Strategic leadership is executing the strategic plan.
 - Definition: “Individuals and teams enact strategic leadership when they create the direction, alignment, and commitment needed to achieve the enduring performance potential of the organization.” *Becoming a Strategic Leader*, (11).
- The strategic leader does not have to do EVERYTHING, but it is best that he or she does SOMETHING besides watch what is happening.
- Strategic leadership calls for organizing, empowering, coordinating, and harmonizing.
- The most valuable resource in strategic leading: PEOPLE.

Homework

- How am I doing as a strategic leader? Are there any areas I can grow in?

- What are the rewards for leading a team/organization?

- What are some difficulties in leading a team/organization?

- List out the teams and/or organizations you lead (paid or as a volunteer).

Next Week: Leading Teams and Organizations