Project and Prioritization Questions

Chapter 5: Business As you can probably tell, I'm a big fan of questions to help me make better decisions. Here are some of the questions I consider when evaluating a potential idea or project.

BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS Begin here...

Will this make a difference to my most important goals? Am I really sure? Why do I think that?

If I think it'll make a difference, then how? What will I do if it works? What will I do if it doesn't work?

Does this add value? To me? To my organization or business? To my clients? To the universe?

Would I be excited to share this with people I respect? Would I want to get on stage and loudly proclaim that I do/did this?

When I think of doing this thing, would I think "HELL YES!"? Or would it be "HELL NO!"?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

If the big picture answers are promising...

Am I absolutely 10/10 confident that I can do this thing? Do I really have the time, energy, mindset, and funds to allot to it?

How would my best friend answer the above question?

Logistically, what resources do I need to do this thing? Time? Money? Skills? Other people? Do I have those resources right now, or can I somehow get them?

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TRADE-OFF QUESTIONS

If the big picture and practical questions are promising...

If I do this thing, what will it break?

If I say yes to this thing, what do I have to say no to?

What am I prepared to give up or lose in order to get or do this thing?

Sometimes I just boil these down to two simple questions:

Does anyone in the room think this thing will actually work?
If we do it, what's it going to break?

These activities and worksheets are taken from the book Change Maker: Turn your passion for health and fitness into a powerful purpose and a wildly successful career by John Berardi, PhD.

Check it out at: www.changemakeracademy.com/book