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To encourage CREW Chicago Members to converse and connect with the goal of developing their capabilities as confident leaders, change agents, and fulfilled, effective professionals.

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### HOW THE BEST LEADERS MAKE EVERYONE SMARTER



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ARE YOU A GENIUS OR A GENIUS MAKER?

### **Concept of the Multiplier**



THE MODEL

MULTIPLIERS: These leaders are genius makers and bring out the intelligence in others. They build collective, viral intelligence in organizations.

DIMINISHERS: These leaders are absorbed in their own intelligence, stifle others, and deplete the organization of crucial intelligence and capability.

#### THE FIVE DISCIPLINES OF THE MULTIPLIER

#### DIMINISHER

#### Hoards resources and The Empire Builder underutilizes talent Creates a tense environment The Tyrant that suppresses people's thinking and capability Gives directives that showcase The Know-It-All how much they know Makes centralized, abrupt decisions that confuse the The Decision Maker organization Drives results through their per-The Micro Manager sonal involvement

#### MULTIPLIER Attracts talented people & uses them **The Talent Magnet** at their highest point of contribution Creates an intense environment The Liberator that requires people's best thinking and work Defines an opportunity that causes The Challenger people to stretch Drives sound decisions through The Debate Maker rigorous debate Gives other people the ownership for The Investor results and invests in their success

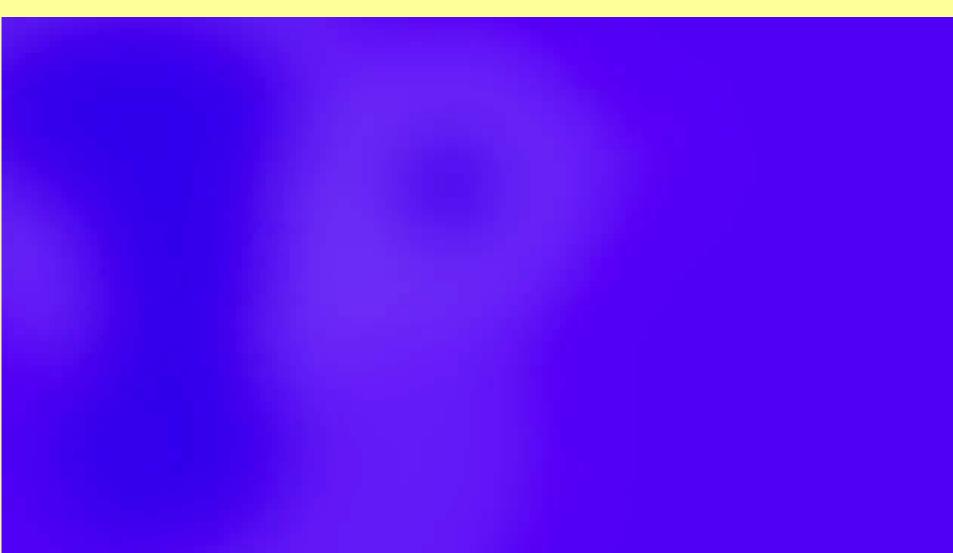
#### THE RESULTS

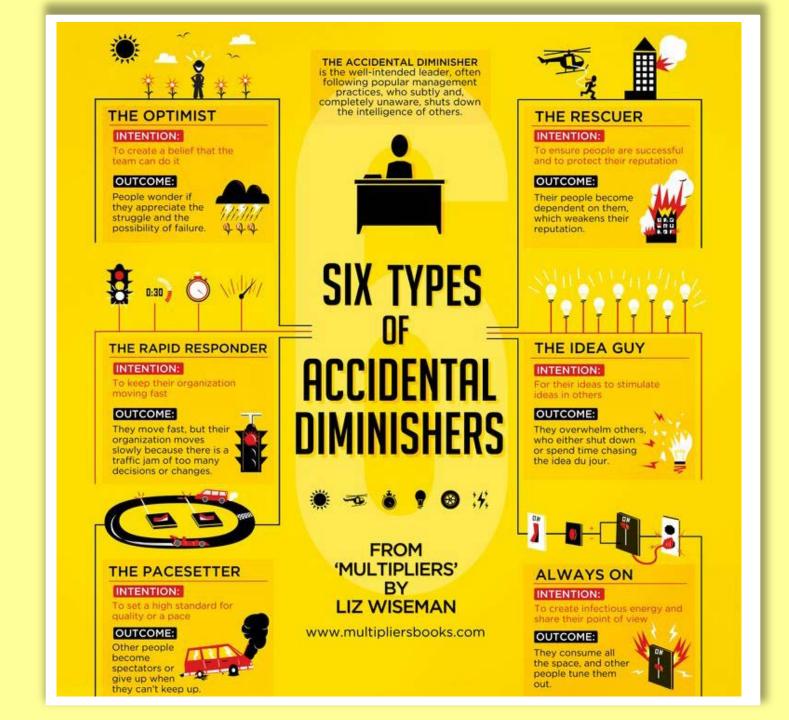
By extracting people's full capability,

Multipliers get twice the capability from people as do Diminishers.

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### **The Accidental Diminisher**





# What is a Multiplier?

### Multipliers are genius makers.

- Everyone around them gets smarter and more capable.
- Multipliers invoke each person's unique intelligence and create and atmosphere of genius – innovation, productive effort and collective intelligence.
- Multipliers get *twice* the capability as do Diminishers.

# The Five Disciplines of The Multiplier



The Talent Magnet



The Liberator



The Challenger



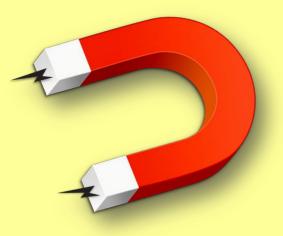
The Debate Maker



The Investor

# **The Talent Magnet**

- 1. Looks for Talent Everywhere
  - Appreciates all types of talent
  - Ignores boundaries
- 2. Finds People's Native Talent
  - Looks for what is native
  - Labels it
- 3. Utilizes People at Their Fullest
  - Connects people with opportunities
  - Shines a spotlight
- 4. Removes the Blockers
  - Gets rid of Prima Donnas
  - Gets out of the way



#### Become a Talent Magnet

- Become a genius watcher
- Pull some weeds

- Both Talent Magnets and Empire Builders attract "A" talent, but Talent Magnets make the most of their talent.
- Talent Magnets don't run out of talent there is a stream of "A" talent waiting.

# The Talent Magnet



## **The Liberator**

#### 1. Creates Space

- Releases others by restraining yourself
- Shifts the ratio of listening to talking
- Operates Consistently
- Levels the playing Field

#### 2. Demands Best Work

- Defends the standard
- Distinguishes best work from outcomes

#### 3. Generates Rapid Learning Cycles

- Admits and shares mistakes
- Insists on learning from mistakes



### Become a Liberator

- Play your chips
- Label your opinions
- Make your mistakes known

- The path of least resistance is often the path of tyranny. A leader can still be a Tyrant.
- Liberators give people permission to think and an obligation to do their best work.
- Multipliers are intense, not tense. Leaders who discern the difference access significantly more brainpower.

# The Challenger

#### 1. Seeds the Opportunity

- Shows the need
- Challenges the assumptions
- Reframes problems
- Creates a Starting Point
- 2. Lays Down a Challenge
  - Extends a concrete challenge
  - Asks the hard questions
  - Lets others fill in the blanks

#### 3. Generates Belief in What is Possible

- Helicopters Down
- Lays out a path
- Co-creates the plans
- Orchestrates an early wins

### **Become a Challenger**

- Ask a leading question
- Take a bus trip
- Take a massive baby step

- Advantages come from simply seeding the opportunities.
- Challengers have full range of emotion: Think big & ask big questions; Connect to the specific steps needed.
- Asking the impossible *in the right way* creates more safety than asking for something easier.



## The Debate Maker

- 1. Frames the Issue
  - Defines the question
  - Forms the team
  - Assembles the data
  - Frames the decision
- 2. Sparks the Debate
  - Creates safety for best thinking
  - Demands rigor
- 3. Drives a Sound Decision
  - Re-clarifies the decisionmaking process
  - Makes the decision
  - Communicates the decision and rationale



#### Become a Debate Maker

- Ask the hard question
- Ask for the data
- Ask each person

- Facilitate debate that creates room for other's views; have strong opinions. Data is the key.
- They are equally comfortable as the decision maker or consensusdriven leaders.
- Rigorous debate builds a team and makes it stronger.

## The Investor

- 1. Defines Ownership
  - Names the lead
  - Gives ownership for the end goal
  - Stretches the role
- 2. Invests Resources
  - Teaches and coaches
  - Provides backup
- 3. Holds People Accountable
  - Gives it back
  - Expects complete work
  - Respects natural consequences
  - Makes the scoreboard visible



#### **Become an Investor**

- Let them know who is boss
- Let nature take its course
- Ask for the F-I-X
- Hand back the pen.

- Remain involved in the operational details, but keep ownership with others.
- Multipliers deliver 42% higher world-class results than Diminishers.

### **Group Breakout**

How can you effectively deal with a Diminisher in your midst?

### Become a Multiplier The Lazy Way Strategy

### Work Your Extremes Lowest Low & Highest High

Adopt the Assumptions of a Multiplier Allow the behavior & practices to naturally flow

### Take a 30-Day Challenge

Pick one practice within one discipline, work it for 30 days

### **Final Thoughts**

- If you had to define one idea that is common across all five disciplines, what would it be?
- What discipline could you make the most progress on in the least amount of time?
- Of the various organizations you are part of (business, community, family) where could you implement the Multiplier approach with the greatest impact? Why?

As a Mindful Leader and Multiplier, **you** can make everyone smarter.....

Ask really insightful and interesting questions that make people think!