

Ego Is the Enemy – Bullet points

This book is about Ambition, achievement and adversity, the obstacle is the way.

Ego is the sense of superiority and certainty that exceeds the bounds of confidence and talent.

Ego is blinding, we can't hear, change, improve, recognize if we put up walls, don't understand the world, uninterested in hearing, live inside our world.

Ego kills creativity.

Be:

- humble in our aspirations
- Gracious in our success
- Resilient in our failures

Ego is always there but you should learn to control it. Ego is not confidence it is an illusion of it.

A humble beginning can help you as you rise, a leader always controls their ego to be same as everyone else. Don't seek validation. Don't build or over praise self esteem, no one is entitled to something. We should live and act small

When having an opportunity make the best out of it.

Don't go ahead of yourself, live the now and focus on it.

Is easier to talk than to stay silent, everyone wants to talk about what he is going to do, but doing it is another thing, staying silent and working on it is hard. Talking about something can make you feel you have made progress or make you throw it aside.

Don't seek recognition before acting. When you talk is because you earn it.

Do you want to be someone or do something different?

Be impressive don't impress people.

Don't forget your purpose of doing things as ego can change it. Think about what do you want to accomplish in life? To be or to do?

Even though you are working at the best place you could be, don't let it blind you, and think you are still a student and keep learning (Kirk Hammet example). The student and teacher always learn, don't ever feel like you are the best.

Always stay a student. Don't let the ego build up and think you've made it. A student is his own teacher and his own critic as well.

You can't learn if you think you already know. Solicit and take harsh feedback, embrace it.

Passion isn't everything or what should fuel you, use purpose, reason, direction. Pasion can lead you to failure or prevent you from accomplishment, you need purpose (passion with boundaries, pursue something outside of yourself) and realism (detachment and perspective). Passionate alone is not helpful.

Passion paradox be busy but without progress. A dog is all about passion, birds will know, but they barely accomplish anything.

To become great, sometimes you first have to learn from others greatness, be under them, without expecting something, just to learn. When you finish school, you feel important but most of the time you overestimate yourself to companies. Use the canvas strategy, make people look good so later you will look good, helping yourself by helping others. Greatness comes from humble beginnings. Say less, do more. Don't look for short term gratification but for long term payoff. Find whatever no one else wants to do, give ideas away to your boss, produce more.

The person who clears the path ultimately controls its direction, just as the canvas shapes the painting.

Our own path will be defined by the amount of nonsense we are willing to deal with, we need to keep self-control.

Thoughts can bring emotions from actions we haven't even done, and people get comfortable with this and that's when people can't get out of their heads.

Don't count your chickens before they hatch. Pride will bring you nothing.

Work is hard, if you want to make it you have to work whenever likes to do it, you have to push even if you don't want to.

Values will make the difference in maintaining and ending your success, it is what keeps you attached to the ground, don't be egocentric because you think you've made it, it can tear companies down.

It is hard to stay in the same path we put our minds through from the beginning you have to maintain yourself working and always keep yourself with a mindset of a student.

Everyone thinks that if they had something, they could make it or be happy, but that is just an illusion, don't focus on someone else, but on your process.

In order to organize your life, you need to have priorities and goals, first organize yourself before wanting to manage your job.