## Chapter 2

The Individual Entrepreneurial Mind-Set



# Common Characteristics Associated With Entrepreneurs

- 1. Total commitment, determination, and perseverance.
- 2. Drive to achieve and grow.
- 3. Opportunity and goal orientation.
- 4. Taking initiatives and personal responsibility.
- 5. Persistent problem solving.
- 6. Seeking and using feedback.
- 7. Internal locus of control.
- 8. Calculated risk taking and risk seeking.
- 9. low need for status and power.
- 10. Integrity and reliability.

#### 2.1

#### Characteristics Often Attributed to Entrepreneurs

- Confidence
- 2. Perseverance, determination
- Energy, diligence
- Resourcefulness
- 5. Ability to take calculated risks
- 6. Dynamism, leadership
- Optimism
- Need to achieve
- Versatility; knowledge of product, market, machinery, technology
- 10. Creativity
- 11. Ability to influence others
- Ability to get along well with people
- 13. Initiative
- 14. Flexibility

- 15. Intelligence
- 16. Orientation to clear goals
- Positive response to challenges
- 18. Independence
- 19. Responsiveness to suggestions and criticism
- 20. Time competence, efficiency
- 21. Ability to make decisions quickly
- 22. Responsibility
- 23. Foresight
- 24. Accuracy, thoroughness
- 25. Cooperativeness
- 26. Profit orientation
- 27. Ability to learn from mistakes
- 28. Sense of power

- 29. Pleasant personality
- 30. Egotism
- 31. Courage
- 32. Imagination
- 33. Perceptiveness
- 34. Toleration of ambiguity
- 35. Aggressiveness
- 36. Capacity for enjoyment
- 37. Efficacy
- 38. Commitment
- 39. Ability to trust workers
- 40. Sensitivity to others
- 41. Honesty, integrity
- 42. Maturity, balance

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## Part 1 of Project (based on slide 3)

Skills that you already have	Skills that you want to develop		

## The Dark Side of Entrepreneurship



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- 1. You will no longer have the social life.
- 2. Your diet is going to suffer.
- 3. You will have to be ready for the failure.
- 4. You might have to live without money.
- 5. You will have to wait for making money.
- 6. The risk taking part could be Nervewracking.



## The Entrepreneur's confrontation with Risk

- 1. Financial Risk.
- 2. Career Risk.
- 3. Psychic Risk.
- 4. Stress (and its sources)
- 1. Loneliness.
- Immersion in business (long working hours).
  - 3. People problems.
- 4. Need to achieve.
- 5. Communicating with employees.
  - 6. Delegating.
- 7. Unrealistic optimisms.



## Characteristics of High Achievers

- 1.5 They take personal responsibility for their actions.
- 2. They are moderate risk takers.
- 3. Study a situation before committing themselves to a course of action.
- 4.6 Work on his or her own.
- 5.7 Like challenges but not high risks. calculated risks
- 6. Like to accomplish goals.
- 7.1 To do constructive things that help them improve themselves.



- 1. Paul Medwick is a commercial banker. In the past month, he has received loan application from three entrepreneurs. All three have fedgling businesses with strong potentials. However, Paul believes it is important to look at more than just the business itself; the individual also needs close scrutiny.
- 2. The three entrepreneurs are (1) Robin Wood, owner of a small delicatessen located in the heart of a thriving business district: (2) Richard Trumpe. Owner of a ten-minute oil change and lube operation; and (3) Phil Hartack, owner of a bookstore that specializes in best sellers and cookbooks.

3. Paul has had the bank's outside consultant, Professor Jane Jackson, interview each of the three entrepreneurs. Jane has done a lot of work with entrepreneurs and after a couple of hours of discussion - usually can evaluate a person's entrepreneurial qualities. In the past, jane has recommended 87 people for loans, and only two of these ventures have failed. This success rate is much higher than that for commercial loans in general.



<u>Characteristic</u>	Robin Wood	Richard Trumpe	Phil Hartack
Perseverance	Н	М	М
Drive to achieve	М	Н	М
Initiative	М	Н	М
Persistent Problem Solving	М	М	Н
Tolerance for ambiguity	L	М	Н
Integrity and reliability	Н	M	Н
Tolerance for failure	Н	Н	Н
Creativity and innovativeness	М	Н	М
Self - Confidence	H	Н	Н
Independence	Edit with WPS Office	e H	Н

### **Questions:**

- 1. Which of three applicants do you think comes closet to having the mind-set of an ideal entrepreneurial? Why?
- 2. To which applicant would you recommend that the bank lend money? (Assume that each has asked for a loan of \$ 10,000) Defend your answer.
- 3. Can these three entrepreneurs do anything to improve their entrepreneurial prof le and their changes for success? Be specif is in your answer.

