

## **Stephen R. Covey's Time Management Matrix**

## The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	Quadrant 1 - Important and Urgent Crises Pressing Problems Projects with Deadlines	Quadrant 2 - Important and Not Urgent Relationship Building Planning Personal Growth Recreation
ᄩ	Manage Crises and Pressing Problems	<b>FOCUS</b> on Strategies and Values
ortant	Quadrant 3 - Urgent and Not Important Interruptions Some Emails, calls, and meetings Popular Activities Proximate, Pressing Matters	Quadrant 4 - Not Important or Urgent  Trivia, Busy Work  Time Wasters  Some Calls and Emails  Pleasant Activities - Entertainment
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## **Directions:**

- 1. List tasks you need to complete
- 2. Include deadlines
- 3. Identify the most urgent tasks
- 4. Organize by importance
- 5. Place tasks in the correct quadrant
- 6. Assess your values and productivity
  - a. Are you happy with where you are spending your time?
  - b. What does this matrix tell you about your values?
  - c. How can you use this matrix to facilitate your transition?