### Zen Habits - Leo Babauta

#### Ch 1: De-cluttering

- If you haven't used it in the last year, junk it
- Have To-Do lists based on context, like @Home, @Work, @Calls etc

#### Ch 2: Single Tasking

- · multi-tasking is less efficient
- Tasks inbox @
- Google Tasks-Calendar
- Emails Outlook, Yahoo, Gmail
- Diary (short term)

### Ch 3: Edit your commitments

- For each area their could be goals
- Just keep 2-3 goals
- Relax-Fun

### Ch 4: Eliminate all but the essential

- Reduce most of the inputs
- No TV, sites you visit, Newspapers, Magazins, RSS feeds, Blogs
- Deactivate useless accounts
- Do minimum but quality work
- $\bullet\,\,$  it should be contrararian to stand out
- Don't spread too thin

# Ch 5. Don't do everything on your task list, you will never get it to zero, its ok!!

#### Ch 6. Art of Doing nothing

- Close all distractions mobile, TV, Computer etc
- Sit quietly do attentive breathing
- If you are waiting for something, in queue, do nothing, no emails, no reading, just focus on breathing

#### Ch 7. Declutter your mind

- Write down everything that you have on mind, on paper, later either take it to tasks or mms
- Office: Keep diary-journal, for Personal, keep small diary for daily noting
- Just do less tasks do the ones you take very nicely, then relax/enjoy
- Let GO frustrations, worries, grudges
- Slow down walking, talking, working : NO RUSH
- Get load off to someone delegate set expectations

#### Ch 8. Simplicity Tips

- Get rid off non essential commitments
- Get rid of non essential items books, cassettes, CDs, electronics, clothes, e-accounts, blogs, newsletters, rss feeds, bookmarks etc stuff
- Limit your communication close IM, digital detox
- Keep Work files on Work Laptop only, keep personal files on Home Laptop, no mix-up
- Read all the unread books, make MMs
- Watch all unseen CDs, HDD movies on Sundays

#### Ch 9. Eat Slower

- Don't read newspaper or watch anything
- SLOW (not FAST) food movement
- Pay attention to what you are eating, taste it.

### Ch 10. Purpose your day

- 3 MITs. first has to be first one in the morning, may be health related activities
- Closely understand your work, talk to people

### Ch 11. Focus on big rocks

- Weekly tasks to accomplish
- Put them on Google tasks as well as white board

#### Ch 12: Clear-out Inbox

- Junk => Delete
- Long one/Info => move to appropriate folder as unread
- If quick => reply back with 4-5 lines
- Waiting for response today => Keep them in Inbox

#### Ch 13. Clear your Desk

- Keep essential items only
- Keep work-personal phone pdf handy
- Keep ready refs, imp mm pdfs, accounts-password pdf handy
- Keep backup of all on Google docs as well as printed set at home and office folder

### Ch 14. Become an early riser

# Ch 15. Be motivated when you are in slump

- Create Goals mm with pictures and paste it on wall
- Publicize goals to public?

### Ch 16. Make most of your laziest day

- Relax, take nap, go for a walk
- Sunday

# Ch 17. Decompress after high stress

- Deep breathing
- Self Massage
- Take a walk
- Take a day off, don't do anything, yes anything

# Ch 18. Cultivate compassion in your life - be kind

#### Ch 19. Escape Materialism

- Donate all un-necessary items
- · Keep minimum-quality ones

# Ch 20. Practical tips for living with a golden rule

- treat others the way you want to get treated
- · be helpful, kind and friendly
- STOP CRITICISM

# Ch 21. Accept criticism with grace and appreciation

- try to explain your stance to give clarity
- "I dont think I made myself very clear..."

# Ch 22. Have faith in humanity and restore kindness

- people are not meeting much
- becoming rude, lonely
- Practice kindness, help others without expecting anyting in return

### Ch 23. Boost your self confidence

- Groom yourself
- good language
- · good looks
- · good dressing
- Know yourself
- start looking at your thoughts which are predominant ones
- are you always fault finding?
- what are my limitations, fears?
- Speak slowly
- Stand talll and smile
- Increase competence
- Volunteer

#### Ch 24. Live your life consciously

- Have clarity on what you are doing and for what?
- Take control of your life
- · Consider your impact on world
- · Write best books, may be free e-books
- Write best apps and give them free/nominal charge
- Give project/thesis guidance free
- Build leaders, teams