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a 52-week series about amplifying your  
management & leadership skillset

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# Preparation

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## Overview

If there was one thing I would share about management & leadership...

It would be about the importance of **preparation**. Ever start your day and feel like, "I've got this!" What contributes to that? What have you done and thought to give you that state of confidence and possibility? How do you prepare for your leadership day?

*"Be ready when opportunity comes...Luck is the time when preparation and opportunity meet."*

*Pierre Elliot Trudeau*

### For the week...

- **Reflect:** When you are working in your day, make note of the things that are being impacted by your degree of preparedness.
- **Act:** Find the best system to be prepared for your day, job and team. Maybe it is based in technology or just being old school.
- And embrace that preparation is BOTH skillset and mindset!

Let's be real, **life is unscripted**. The paradox in management and leadership regarding being prepared is we can train up all day, everyday, and since life is unscripted, we can never be fully ready for the day we are given. Be proactive in leading reactively.



Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

(Robert Baden-Powell)

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