

THE GiFT631 4M MORNING ROUTINE



I am passionate about starting everyday with a winning routine that enables me to get into the ideal performance state. I created the 4M routine which ensures I have a structured process to feel centred, focused, in control and able to think about what matters most.

Each part of the 4M routine is really helpful on its own. However, by 'habit stacking' one immediately after the next, it creates a consistent and powerful start to each day. Each M builds on the one before and the flow is deliberate to stimulate the mind/body, organise and capture what is running through the mind, sort it in terms of value and priority, then relax, focus and centre the mind to enable high quality thinking, creativity and decision making.

As with any winning habit and routine, consistency is the key to move in the direction of your goals and potential.

MOVEMENT

I love to exercise my mind by stimulating the body.

Many of my clients say to me they are not 'gym junkies,' runners, swimmers, boxers, cyclists or swimmers. That's great, I respond 'just move.' Start every day with a walk.

Start each day with a minimum of 20/30 minutes walking (or some other form of movement). Stimulate the mind by stimulating the body. Whilst moving, I frequently listen to podcasts or run through my affirmations and/or visualization. I feel the combined benefit of the exercise, the learning and the visualisation.

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MIND CLEANSE

After movement I complete my daily mind-cleanser. I capture everything on my mind across all aspects of life and business.

The mind-cleanser is about identifying high value activities and the prioritising them in one of 3 ways:

- Items for other people to do.
- High value items that are quick.
- High value items that are deep and require me to schedule time in my diary.

I may not complete everything on my mind-cleanser but I am now organised around the things that matter most. I make sure they are completed and/or scheduled.

MEDITATION

Meditation cleanses and calms me. It has a positive impact on both my mental and physical health. It helps improve my sleep, my relationships, reduce any feelings of pressure and increases my focus.

To experience the benefits of meditation, regular practice is necessary. I recommend 10 minutes per day.

Once embedded, Meditation becomes a fantastic part of your day.

My favourite Meditation Apps are Calm & Headspace. Meditation helps clear my mind so I can think with more clarity and insight. It is the ideal set up for my daily Mozart time.

MOZART

I once heard that Mozart suffered from 'composers cramp'. To overcome this he would isolate himself from everything and everyone. Then he found the music began to flow again in his mind.

To this day I am unsure of the accuracy of the story! However I love the concept and from the day I heard the story, I put an appointment with Mozart in my diary. This is time for myself, by myself, with no technology or distractions. I have my journal and a clear mind from daily meditation and mind cleansing. Mozart time is an essential part of my day.

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When I journal I capture my ideas, thoughts and feelings. I am more creative and in this still, focused and centred state I make better decisions. Making decisions 'on the run', under pressure or whilst juggling priorities is far from optimal. Mozart time provides the clarity and space to be still, think clearly, prioritise and make more considered, quality decisions.

Mozart time allows you to capture your thoughts, which will build over time to become actionable strategies, goals and create a picture of your desired future state.