

Creativity in Ministry

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Creativity Blockers

The personality traits that prevent you from being creative:

Procrastination

Value conformity

Lack of passion

Unawareness of habits

Poor health

Complacency

Narrow-mindedness

Impatience

Pessimism

Fear of change

Limited experience

Lack of commitment

Competitiveness

Tension

Over practicality

Separation of work from play

Poor observation habits

Inclination to live in the past

Lack of follow through

Creativity Enhancers

The personality traits that enhance your creativity:

Sense of humor

Adventurousness

Thoroughness

Sensory awareness
Goal-orientation
Self-confidence
Motivation
Courageousness
Curiosity
Assertiveness
Independence
Determination
Vision
Persistence
Sense of mission
Willingness to risk
Toleration of ambiguity
Enthusiasm
Spontaneity

Tools and Techniques

Effective methods that enhance your discovery process:

Idea mapping
Word associations
What if?
Library lounging
Experience expanders
Technology trails
Rut removers
Treasure mapping
Creative concerts
Dream journals
Metaphor walks

Role-model fantasy
Cycle thinking
Computer browsing
Whole-brain thinking
Mall browsing
Think-tank talks
Relaxation
Motivation
Personality assessments
Stepping stones

Creativity Quotes

Inspiration from the wisdom of other creative thinkers:

“Imagination is more important than knowledge.” Albert Einstein

“People see the wrongness in an idea much quicker than the rightness.” Charles Kettering

“Most of my ideas belonged to other people who didn’t bother to develop them.”
Thomas Edison

“There is a certain amount of foolishness in any idea when it is first produced.”
Alfred White

“Vision is the art of seeing the invisible.” Jonathan Swift

“Passion is in all great searches and is necessary to all creative endeavors.” W. Eugene Smith

“What is now proved was once only imagined.” William Blake

“The human race is governed by its imagination.” Napoleon Bonaparte

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