Priority Matrix

Q1: Urgent & Important

- Immediate and important deadlines
- Do it right away!
- Too much causes burn out
- Crisis, overwhelm, stress
- Aim to minimize as much as possible

Q2: Not Urgent & Important

- Major projects
- Working ON your business not IN your business
- Mid- and long-term focus
- Strategy, planning, scheduling
- Must be planned; do it soon

Q3: Urgent & Not Important

- Time-pressured distractions
- Delegate or reschedule
- Phantom activities, motion but not progress

Q4: Not Urgent & Not Important

- Yields little if any value
- Avoid or ignore
- Escapism, trivial activity, release the pressure
- Dump or postpone

"Successful business owners make Q2 activities a priority.

They reduce the amount of time spent working on Q1 activities through delegation and outsourcing. They schedule themselves to work on Q2 activities in a supportive environment. Successful entrepreneurs minimize or displace activities in quadrants 1, 3 and 4 by staying focused on the big picture."

- Erin Joy -

