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Sharpen the Saw

Ahhh vacation! Admit it, once we get past Memorial Day our thoughts turn to vacation. That's good. We all need some time to get away, enjoy our families, and clear our minds from the daily grind. That, my friends is the purpose of vacation. However, the very best leaders in the world do much, much more with their time away.

Sure they take time to relax. They spend time with their families. They enjoy the fruits of their labor. But do you know what else they do? They often develop new strategies for their business. Or they re-focus on their annual goals to assure their successful attainment of everything they set out to do this year.

Stephen Covey called it "Sharpening the Saw". Others call it "Recharging the Batteries". It really doesn't matter what you call it. I highly recommend you take the time to do it. Use your vacation as a springboard to your successful finish of 2015.

There are three distinct areas on which you should concentrate:

1. Your loved ones come first. Take the time to show them that they are truly the most important things in your life. Remember when it comes to the people we love it is the quantity of time spent with them that matters.

2. Look at the goals that you set for yourself in January. Are you on track to achieve them? What will you do in the second half of the year to assure your success?

3. Are you doing what you were meant to do? Are you working toward your personal vision of success? Is it consistent with your values? Are you living your mission?

Use your vacation to give yourself an alignment check. Do what the best leaders in the world do and you will become a good leader yourself.

Oh, one more thing: Have a fun and safe vacation!