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1. YOUR EMPLOYEES ARE YOUR PARTNERS.

Business leaders who view their employees as partners create an environment of mutual respect, trust, and collaboration. This mindset encourages employees to feel valued and invested in the company's success, inspiring them to take ownership of their roles, share innovative ideas, and actively contribute to achieving business goals. When employees see themselves as essential contributors rather than just workers, they're more likely to remain engaged, motivated, and loyal to the organization.

2. Pre-Start Date Onboarding

Research shows that new hires often feel worried that they made the wrong decision (buyer's remorse) within a few days of accepting a job. To combat this, engage new hires before their official start date with welcome emails, company swag, or access to team communication channels. This sets a positive tone and builds excitement, reducing the likelihood of second-guessing their decision to join.

3. Comprehensive Onboarding

Onboarding goes far beyond the first day. Design an onboarding experience that is engaging, structured, and supportive. This ensures that employees feel confident and equipped to succeed in their roles from the very start, which increases their commitment to stay long-term.

4. Safety and Emotional Support

Foster a culture of emotional safety where employees feel comfortable sharing ideas and concerns, and it is okay to make mistakes, (as long as they learn from them). Encourage social connections through team-building activities and casual gatherings. A supportive and connected workplace boosts morale and reduces turnover by making employees feel valued and understood.

6. Social Connection

A fascinating study from MIT Sloan in 2022* revealed that one of the top three most predictive retention strategies is social connection among co-workers, (the other two are career growth and remote work). People want to work with people they enjoy, and will often be more loyal when they have strong relationships with co-workers. Promote a sense of belonging by facilitating opportunities for team bonding, such as group lunches, team outings, or collaborative projects. Strong relationships with colleagues also enhances job satisfaction, making employees more likely to remain with the company.

7. Appreciation and Gifts

Regularly recognize and reward employees with meaningful gestures, whether it's a handwritten note, public acknowledgment, or thoughtful gifts that show you value their contributions. Recognizing contributions through thoughtful gestures shows employees they're valued, which is critical to maintaining their engagement and dedication.

*Toxic Culture Is Driving the Great Resignation (Sull, Zweig) 2022

8. Invest In Your Team

Focus on more than just professional skills, include personal development and emotional intelligence training. Teaching communication, conflict resolution, self-awareness, emotional regulation, empathy, and mindset development strengthens relationships and teamwork. These skills not only enhance retention and engagement but also lead to increased productivity and profitability!*

9. Foster a Great Place To Work

A toxic workplace is the #1 reason employees quit. Foster a culture that is respectful, kind, and supportive, and take a clear stand against gossip, rude behavior, cutthroat competition, bullying, and undermining. Communicate this intolerance frequently to ensure everyone knows these behaviors have no place in your organization. A healthy culture boosts morale, retention, and team success!

* bit.ly/3EvGrMX

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And for the MOST IMPORTANT Tip:

10. Be a Leader Worth Following

When you hired your first employee, you took on the honor and profound responsibility of being a Leader—one of the most important roles you'll ever have—as impactful as being a parent or partner. Leadership isn't just about managing; it's about guiding, inspiring, and creating the culture that drives your business's success. To be the leader your team needs, invest in developing your skills and mindset. You expect your employees to own their roles and improve continuously—so you must do the same—it is now your main role.

If you want an engaged team, a business that thrives without you, and the freedom you dreamed of when starting out, becoming an exceptional leader is non-negotiable.

Start by reading The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership*. These principles can transform both your work and personal life, helping you build a culture of excellence and fulfillment.

*Book written by Jim Dethmer, Diana Chapman & Kaley Klemp

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