# The Purpose Test



### Return on "Values Driven"





#### **Values Driven Execution**



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# What is a Core Purpose?

- A reason for being beyond making money.
- □ Your Why?
- What would be missing in the world if your organization ceased to exist.



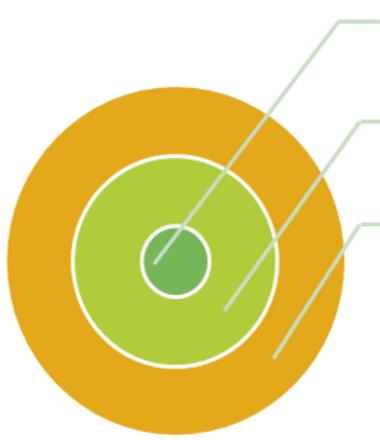
# How do we find It?

□Ask your Key Leaders & "A+" Players:

- □How do we contribute to a better world?
- Keep asking "Why?" until you come up with an <u>idealistic</u> reason for your company's existence.
- The goal is an <u>idealistic</u> reason for your company's existence. We will get tactical later.
- Don't fear idealism. It is what moves people's souls...



# **Golden Circle for Apple**



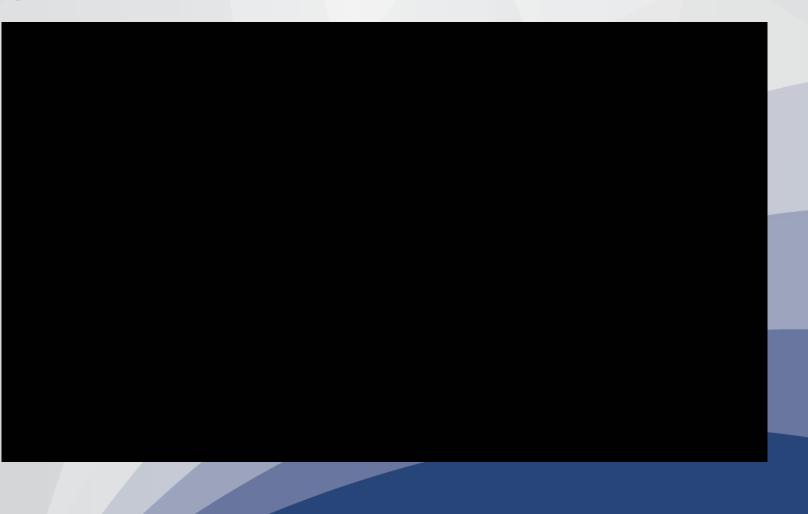
The "Why" - Everything we do, we believe in challenging the status quo, we believe in thinking differently.

The "How" - We make products that are beautifully designed and user friendly

"The What" - We just happen to make great computers - wanna buy one?



### **Purpose: Proctor & Gamble**





# P & G's Purpose

We will provide branded products and services of superior quality and value that <u>improve the lives of the world's</u>

consumers.



# **Core Purpose Tests**

- Is it inspiring?
- Does it make you proud to be associated with the organization?
- Is it based on our competitive advantage?
- Is it focused on customer needs?
- Is it how we want to be remembered?
- Is it realistic/authentic?
- Is it short, memorable and to the point?
- Will it be valid 100 years from now?



# **Core Purpose/Mission Examples**

3M – To solve unsolved problems innovatively.
Toastmasters International – To make effective oral communication a worldwide reality.
Merck – To preserve and improve human life
Better Business Bureau – To promote and foster the highest ethical relationship between business and the public.

Walt Disney – To make people happy.

**Red Cross** – To provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Zappos – To deliver happiness.

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# The Vision Test



# **5 Steps to Your BHAV**

- 1. Gather senior staff and key employees
- 2. Ask them to define success 5, 10, 15 years from now The Article Exercise
- 3. Pair similar ideas
- 4. Pick the best
- 5. Test against the checklist



## Vision





# Vision – Why the Moon?

- Because it is hard, not easy
- Organize and measure our best
- To accept the challenge
- To win



# **BHAV Checklist**

- Is it inspiring?
- Does it give employees a sense of purpose?
- Is it clear, compelling and easy to grasp?
- Will you be able to tell when you have achieved it?
- Is it a stretch goal (50-70% chance)?
- Will it require a quantum leap in the capabilities and characteristics of the organization?



# **BHAV Examples**

**Heinz:** To be the world's premier food company, offering nutritious, superior tasting foods to people everywhere.

**Toastmasters International:** To empower people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams. **Wal-Mart** – Become a \$125 billion company by 2000. Made in 1990 @ \$32B.

**Amazon** – To be the earth's most customer centric company; to build a place where people can come to find and discover anything they might want to buy online.



# Vision or Big Hairy Audacious Goal

#### Includes:

- Vision Statement A short, concise statement of your organization's future state.
- Vivid Description A list of words and phrases that describes what the future state looks like.



# The Values Test



## What are Core Values?

- Guiding principles that never change
- Enduring, passionate and distinctive core beliefs
- Sets the organization apart
- Uniquely defines
- Drive how everyone acts



# **Find Your Core Values**

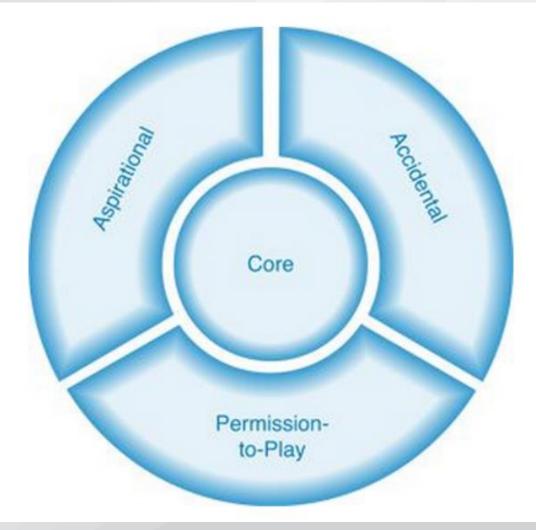
- Ask these questions:
  - What are the core values that you hold yourself to?
  - What are the core values of your "ideal" employee? Your worst (high performer)?
- Examine against the against the tests.
- Fewer the better.
- Make it Unique Create short phrases (floor sweeper)
- Rank the values



# **Core Values Tests**

- Would you build a new organization around this value?
- Does your leadership live this value today?
- Would you hold true to this value if it cost you \$, even your business?
- Does it differentiate you?
- Would you quit/sell the company before giving up this value?







#### Aspirational – Wants/Wishes to Have

- Is this trait natural for us?
- Has it been apparent in the organization for a long time?
- Does it take hard work to cultivate?



#### Permission to Play – Minimum Behavioral Stds.

 Would our company be able to credibly claim that we model this value better than 99% of the companies in our industry?



#### Accidental – Unintentional, not Required

 Is this value a requirement for our culture and success in the future?



## **Southwest Airlines**

- Profitable 40 of 42 years
- Largest U.S. carrier
- "Best Place to Work"
- Most unionized, but never had a strike
- Highest paid employees, use 30% fewer



## What are Core Values?

"We always felt that people should be treated right as a matter of morality. Then, incidentally, that turned out to be good business, too. But the motivation wasn't strategy, it was core values"

Herb Kelleher – Southwest Airlines



# Core Values – The Southwest Way

- Warrior Spirit
- Servant's Heart / Golden Rule
- Fun-LUVing Attitude



# **Implementing Values**

- Short Course
  - 1. Educate
  - 2. Hire
  - 3. Fire

### 4. Evaluate / Reward



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