



Blueprints with Backbone: Planning What You've Seen

Let me start with the general definition of backbone. The backbone is the series of vertebrae extending from the skull to the pelvis, forming the central support structure of the body and protecting the spinal cord. It is also called the spinal column or spine. I'm sure you all know that.

Now, take a look at this: Backbone refers to the chief support or mainstay of a system, organization, or group. So, the backbone of blueprints means what gives them stability.



Teamwork is the chief support or mainstay of a system, organization, or group.

What if your boldest vision collapsed - not from lack of talent or resources, but because it had no unbreakable support holding it together?

Picture this: You've seen the future clearly - a thriving business, a legacy team, a venture that changes lives. You sketch the blueprint, pour your passion into it... and then one storm hits. A key player quits. Funding dries up. Doubt creeps in. The whole thing wobbles and falls.

That primal fear of watching your dream crumble? That's your croc brain screaming for survival. It doesn't want pretty ideas. It wants something solid, unshakeable. It wants **backbone**.

Today, we're giving your blueprints exactly that.

The STRONG Framework: Building Plans That Don't Break

S – Set the Frame Great visions die when they're built alone. The frame that wins is this: **Teamwork is the backbone**—the chief support, the mainstay that turns fragile sketches into enduring structures.

As earlier stated: The backbone is the spine that protects the vital cord and holds the body upright. In business, it's the unified team that protects the vision and carries the weight when pressure mounts. Solo blueprints look impressive on paper; **team-backed blueprints stand through earthquakes.**

T – Tell the Story Let me share a quick story from a leader I heard about. He had a crystal-clear vision: Scale his consulting firm to seven figures while keeping a values-driven culture. He drew the blueprint - new hires, marketing funnels, premium offerings. But he built it mostly alone.

When the first big client delayed payment and two team members burned out, the structure cracked. Revenue stalled. Morale tanked. He realized too late: His plan lacked backbone.

He regrouped, brought the team into the planning process early, assigned clear roles tied to the shared vision, and built accountability loops. Within 18 months, they hit the goal - with lower stress and higher retention. The difference? Teamwork as the spine.

R – Reveal the Intrigue Here's what most leaders miss: A blueprint without backbone isn't just weak - it's dangerous. It lures you into false security, then collapses when real weight hits.

But when you infuse **teamwork** as the core support:

- Ideas get stress-tested early (no blind spots).



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- Buy-in skyrockets (people fight for what they helped build).
- Resilience multiplies (distributed load means no single point of failure).
- Execution accelerates (aligned effort > isolated genius).

The intrigue? This isn't theory. Companies that prioritize collaborative planning outperform solo-driven ones by 21% in profitability (Harvard Business Review data). Your vision doesn't need more complexity - it needs stronger vertebrae.

O – Offer the Prize Imagine finishing this year with:

- A plan everyone on your team can recite and rally behind.
- Built-in flexibility that bends but never breaks under pressure.
- Momentum that carries you into the new year with confidence, not chaos.

That's the prize waiting when you make teamwork the backbone of your blueprint.

N – Nail the Hookpoint You've seen it. Now build it - with unbreakable support. The hookpoint is simple: Shift from "my vision" to "our backbone-supported venture." Involve your team (or key allies) in the next planning session. Map roles, risks, and rewards together. Watch commitment ignite.

G – Get a Decision Right now, decide: Will your next blueprint stand alone and risk collapse - or will you forge it with the chief support that makes it endure?



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Also, this will be my and Sharon's 52nd Wedding Anniversary!

Take Charge

Make your Plans for the week - TODAY!

Take Note

Now – DO what you have written!

Evaluate

Look over what you wrote. Is it something you Can do?

Seek

Start with the Top Need and Proceed until it's done!

Something to think about ...

"The backbone of success is hard work, determination, good planning, and perseverance." – Mia Hamm

Wise Words

Ecclesiastes 4:9- 19 (GW) "Two people are better than one because, together, they have a good reward for their hard work. If one falls, the other can help his friend get up. But how tragic it is for the one who is all alone when he falls. There is no one to help him get up."



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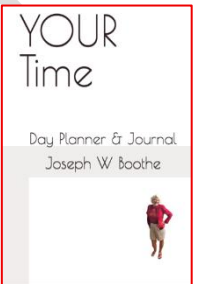
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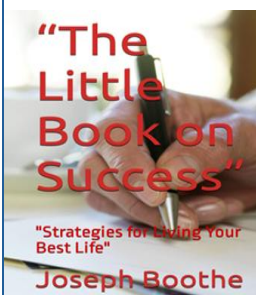
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