

MaxTips!

Productive to the Max

Productivity

Performance

Profitability

Have to be PERFECT?

MaxTips! March 2008

Do you expect everyone to conform to your way of doing things? Do you have an unrealistic standard of evaluation for your behaviour? Do you believe that you and only you should be able to do everything and do it well? You are going to drive yourself and everyone else around you crazy. Take a break!

Be aware of the difference between excellence and perfection. Not everything can be perfect in every way. Life is not perfect and you will consistently be disappointed if you expect everyone, plus yourself to live up to your very high expectations. Realize your standards may be too high and as a result, unattainable. Expect the best from others, then accept it. When you delegate to others, delegate the responsibility, accountability and take time to explain your expectations.

This does not suggest that I am telling you to loosen your standards on everything. Keep those tasks and pick your battles to retain what really requires your high standards of excellence. And remember to ask yourself "What is the worst that can happen if this is not perfect?"

Copyright © 2010 Productive to the Max Ltd. All right reserved
Visit www.ProductivetotheMax.com for Reprint Permission Information

Tel. 613.594.4533 | Fax 613.594.8339 | info@productivetothemax.com | www.productivetothemax.com
513 Westminster Avenue | Ottawa, Ontario | K2A 2T9 | Canada