Your personal brand is how you appear to others. Why do you need one? How can you improve your personal and professional brand?



#### What is a Personal Brand?

- + Your *Reputation*
- + Your *Legacy*
- + Your *Style*
- + Your *Actions* and *Reactions*
- + Your *Knowledge* and *Expertise*
- + The *Emotional Connections* you make...*How authentic are you?*
- + The *Relationships* you build
- + Your *Vision* of who you want to be and what you want to accomplish
- + Your *Attitude*
- + How the world *Perceives* you

Your Personal Brand is your ability to stand out from the crowd with class.

### **Personal Branding**

- + Is about deciding to take an active role in the direction of your life.
- + Is managing your life and not depending on others to do it for you.
- + Is how to make the most of what you have to offer.
- + Gives you permission to be yourself so you can create the destiny you are meant to fulfill.

Constantly analyze yourself. Consider who you are, what you are capable of, and what talents you have. Through this process you increase your self-awareness.

## Personal Branding Helps You To...

- + Take time to examine how you appear to others.
- + Build a better understanding of what it means to have style and a presence.
- + Learn to avoid being seen as one of the crowd.
- + Feel better about yourself and live a life that is real and authentic. *Accept who you are.*
- + Increase your achievement and professional fulfillment because you are aligning who you are with *what you do and how you do it*.
- + Achieve more when you are organized and able to use all that you have to offer.
- + Control your career and your life. Take control of who you are and what you need to do. You do not have to do what others want you to do.
- + Identify what makes you different from others who do what you do.
- + Embrace your differences instead of hiding them just to fit in.
- + Increase your visibility by teaching you to how to make yourself stand out using the techniques that work for **YOU**.

#### People with strong Personal Brands are paid more than people that are ordinary.

## Why Do You Need a Personal Brand?

- + Build confidence
- + Differentiate yourself from others
- + Identify your vision and purpose in life
- + Achieve your goals
- + Connect with people and build strong relationships
- + Build your strengths, value, talents, and skills
- + Market yourself
- + Be more able to find a job
- + Open up alternative career paths
- + Build trust and authenticity
- + Build loyalty
- + Take ownership of everything you do

## **Components of an Effective Personal Brand**

- + Your Needs and Wants
- + Interests
- + Passions
- + Enthusiasm
- + Vision
- + Strengths
- + Style and Presence
- + Education and Knowledge
- + Character
- + Communication Skills
- + Goals
- + Your Story
- + Values
- + Emotions
- + Relationship Building Skills
- + Connection Skills
- + Adaptability
- + Coachability
- + Being a Team Player

### How to Build Your Personal Brand

- + Develop a Vision
- + Develop a Style
- + Become and stay relevant
- + Evaluate your strengths and weaknesses
- + Be authentic in all things that you do
- + Nurture those around you
- + Have a positive mental attitude
- + Build comfort and confidence in your brand
- + Produce genuine value

## **Demonstrate Your Personal Brand**

- + Stand for something-have conviction
- + Have a consistent message
- + Create a unique style
- + Engage in community involvement
- + Highlight your brand
- + Use social media to your advantage

# Dress every day as if it is the most important appointment of your life.

### Personal Branding Enables You To...

- + Realize it is okay to be yourself
- + Gain confidence
- + Build credibility
- + Showcase your specialty
- + Leave your mark
- + Connect with any audience
- + Distinguish yourself from the competition
- + Focus your energy
- + Influence everyone you meet
- + Accomplish your life goals
- + Increase satisfaction in both your professional and personal life