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8 out of 10 businesses will fail within 2 years

- Cash
- Planning
- Business Continuity
- Proposition
- Customer

Plan Plan Plan

What if...

Initial forecasts seldom come true...be conservative Be a Bank, ask yourself "would I lend money to me?" Plan for losses too!

Plan Plan Plan Being Good at What You do Isn't Enough

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Be extraordinary
Be different – what's your USP?
Check out the competition

Be a Customer, ask yourself "would I buy from me?"

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Being Good at What You do Isn't Enough
Get the Right People on your Bus

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Surround yourself by good people **Learn to let do – train > trust > delegate** Remember the proverb "give a man fish & you feed him for a day, but teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime". Invest in your people It's a Business not Your Baby Be a n Employee, ask yourself "would I work from me?"





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CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT







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eLearning

- Certificated & Approved Courses

 Health & Safety

 Human Resources

 Management Skills





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What do they really want?
Will they buy from me a second time?
Remember the buying process
Know > Like > Trust > Try > Buy > Refer
Don't rely on just a few customers — spread the risk
Keep them sticky
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Cashflow is better
Could you survive a loss? – Then plan
You're a business not a bank!

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Make decisions
Be commercial
Risk assess <u>not</u> risk averse

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Exit Strategies
Why am I doing this?
Make yourself dispensable!
Reliance on you = lower business value
Do your Due Dilligence from day one

Do you still want to run a business?

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started"

Mark Twain

"I have not failed I have found a thousand ways that won't work"

Thomas Edison

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