

Coaching mindset for managers

Helping managers shift from giving answers to asking better questions

A coaching mindset saves you money by growing capability in-house, saves you time because more people can take on new work without starting from scratch, and protects quality by keeping know-how in the business instead of walking out the door with one person. It turns managers into multipliers, not bottlenecks, keeping training and retraining costs down, building a pipeline of people ready to step up when someone leaves or a new product launches, and letting your team pivot faster when the business changes direction. Managers who coach are your high achievers, the ones who keep the customer and product experience, and employee relationships, top of mind.

1 Shift from telling to asking

Recognize the moments that call for coaching instead of instruction.

2 Ask better questions

A core question set that opens up thinking instead of closing it down.

3 Listen to understand, not to reply

Practical listening techniques for busy, distracted days.

4 Hold the silence

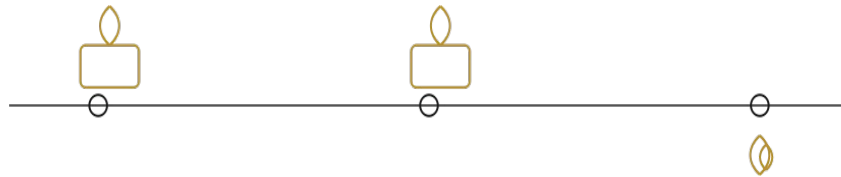
Get comfortable letting someone else do the thinking work.

5 Coach in the moment

Bring coaching into everyday interactions, not just scheduled 1:1s.

6 Know when coaching isn't the answer

A simple filter for when to coach, direct, or mentor instead.



How you'd measure it

- Number of team members promoted or moved into stretch roles each year
- Employees supported into new roles through documented development goals
- Employee survey scores on manager coaching and support

These are our recommended measurements. We'll work with you to align this framework with your existing structure, and with your team to build a measurement strategy so you can see the real impact.

Choose the level of support that fits

Toolkit only	Self-serve framework and templates
Toolkit and training	A live session to put it into practice
Train the trainer	Built for repeatable internal delivery

A skill-building offer for managers. For one-on-one career coaching, see our individual Coaching services.

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