

Infinite Power of Values

Roy Posner

11/18/2014 7:49 AM





"Outer" vs. "Inner" Opportunities



- In a previous presentation we examined the vast opportunities available, and how an ever-changing society is accelerating that.
- And yet the opportunities created by these <u>external</u> treasures pale in significance compared with the vast riches that reside <u>inside</u> the company.
- The key to those riches is <u>values</u>.
- Values possess a phenomenal power to energize a company for rapid, unprecedented growth in revenues and profits.

Values as Qualitative Goals



- Companies direct their energies by focusing on the achieving corporate goals.
- The goal may be to achieve a <u>quantitative</u> target; such as units produced and sold, or dollars of revenue and profit
 - E.g. increasing sales and profits by 20% in the XYZ profit center
- On the other hand the goal may also be to improve the <u>quality</u> of the work. E.g. to do it
 - √ better
 - √ faster
 - ✓ more efficiently
 - ✓ more safely
 - ✓ more systematically
 - ✓ with improved communication, coordination
 - √ in a manner more pleasing to customers
 - √ in a way more satisfying to employees
- These <u>qualitative</u> goals are what we mean by <u>corporate values</u>.

Example Values

Consider the values implemented by two of the most profitable companies in the world.

Apple:

- ✓ Ease of Use (of their devices)
- ✓ Simplicity (of form and function; IPhone)
- Changing Needs of Society (being in tune with)
- ✓ Integrators (of various technologies)
- ✓ Perfection (of the details)
- ✓ Quality of Design (seamless form and function IPhone)
- ✓ As a result of these values, Apple's profits are off the charts.
- √ They are approaching \$1Trillion in value!

Google:

- ✓ Quality and accuracy (of search & ad results)
- ✓ Open work environment (let people experiment on their own)
- ✓ Open, free platform (Android)
- ✓ Innovation (constantly looking into new areas)
- "Do no evil philosophy" (in relation to society)
- ✓ Here too Google's profits are off the charts

Example Values

Examples of more <u>traditional</u> companies:

Sears:

- ✓ Trust in customer (money back guarantee)
- ✓ Was world's largest retailer for 100 years

Merck:

- ✓ Credibility, Truthfulness
- ✓ When their doctors prescribe drugs, they imagine they are selling to their own mothers.
- It makes them want to do the right thing.
- √ Very successful company (\$50B in sales)

Infinite Power of Values



- Why then do values have this special power?
- It is because they motivate people. It inspires them to work harder, better, and more enthusiastically.
- Values (like customer service, openness and tolerance, and continuous improvement) give staff members a sense of pride, motivating them to action.
- That in turn releases a <u>tremendous amount of energy</u> in the company <u>for accomplishment</u>.
- As a result, roductivity soars, and so do profits.

VALUES > MOTIVATE PEOPLE > ENORMOUS ENERGY RELEASED > VAST PRODUCTIVITY INCREASES > REVENUES, PROFITS SOAR

Three Types of Values



- We've identified <u>three categories of values</u>, plus some additional ones. They are:
 - 1. Physical Values
 - 2. Organizational Values
 - 3. Psychological Values
- Let's take a look at the values for each of these.

Physical Values

- Physical Values focus on ways to maximize physical things, including improvements of conditions in space and time.
- Among them are:
 - ✓ Cleanliness and orderliness
 - ✓ Punctuality
 - ✓ Efficient use of money and materials
 - ✓ Maximum utilization of time
 - ✓ Optimum utilization of space
 - ✓ Optimum utilization of plant and machinery
 - ✓ Maintenance of equipment
 - ✓ Safety (Merck, PG&E)
 - ✓ Quality of product, service

Organizational Values

- Organizational Values are related to the way work is organized in the company.
- Among them are:
- ✓ Discipline
- √ Freedom for initiative
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Standardization
- ✓ Systematization:
- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Integration
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Cooperation (teamwork)

Psychological Values

- Psychological Values are more subtle than physical and organizational values, but contain the most productivity power when implemented.
- Among them are:
 - ✓ Pleasing the customer
 - ✓ Respect for the individual
 - ✓ Developing people (personal growth)
 - ✓ Loyalty
 - ✓ Service to society
 - ✓ Integrity
 - ✓ Innovation
 - ✓ Creativity
 - ✓ Harmony

.. and still more Values

- √ Family feeling
- ✓ Respect of others
- ✓ Concern for others
- ✓ Shared opportunity, ownership
- √ Value partners, suppliers, etc.
- ✓ Open environment, informality
- ✓ Embrace change, uncertainty
- ✓ Constantly experimenting
- ✓ Venture into the unknown
- √ Think differently
- ✓ Go the extra mile, don't settle
- ✓ Resolve all problems
- ✓ Rise to challenges
- √ See problems as opportunities

- ✓ Continuous improvement
- Being attuned to changing needs of society
- √ Technology aware, focused, driven
- √ Responsiveness
- ✓ Decisiveness
- ✓ Reliability, dependability
- ✓ Simplicity
- ✓ Perfection in work
- ✓ Community relations
- √ Forge long-term relationships
- ✓ Doing the right thing

Self-Analysis



- 1. Identify the three most important values in your company.
- 2. What other values do you think could act as drivers for the growth of your business?
- 3. Rate your company's performance on Orderliness using the detailed survey form provided.
- 4. Rate your company's performance on Punctuality using the detailed survey form provided.
- 5. Rate your company's performance on the other 28 values listed in the form.