

# My OPUS

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Some people think that to be strong is to never feel pain. In reality, the strongest people are the ones who feel it, understand it, and embrace it. Remember this; the strongest tissue in your body is scar tissue.

*Believe in yourself and all that you are.*

*Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.*

**- Christian D. Larson**

## Overarching Vision

I have a dream

- To build organizations where the majority **Love** their jobs
- To convert the vastly “not engaged” to be “highly engaged” by **encouragement, reward,** and provide **empowerment** to be **creative**
- To **motivate** by instilling **trust** and **loyalty**
- To see the good in everyone where moral is **strong** and **energized**
- To develop **talent** by focusing on individual strengths and not weaknesses
- To teach others so that they can **inspire** others and continue the cycle
- To reach a standard where people genuinely appreciate those around them. Where they interact with each other in ways that show each of them really do matter
- To , in the end, achieve a mass awareness that an individual success requires the aid of others

## Tribe – Place - Cause

My Tribe (Someone)

- Organizations, Managers, and Individuals that want invest in themselves so that they truly LOVE their job.

My Cause (Something)

- Energize & Motivate individuals to achieve their dream
- Build trust and empower individuals to take the self-investment journey

My Space (Somewhere)

- You can't go it alone. Take the self-investment journey with me and reap the rewards

## Purpose

### *Overcoming self-limiting obstacles through self-investment strategies*

- **Create** a self-investment program for Organizations, Managers, and Individuals that want invest in themselves so that they truly LOVE their job.
- **Build** trust, encourage, and empower individuals to take the self-investment journey (APPENDIX 1)
- **Motivate** and teach individuals so that they can **inspire** others and continue the cycle of positivity
- **Energize** Organizations, Managers, and Individuals to take control of their individual path to success achieve the greatness already there.

## Unifying Strategies

- **Creative Inspiration** - Clear a path for others so that they can push themselves and organizations further
- **Dedicated Motivation** - Confidently do bigger and better things with the understanding that you have a “safety net” to help you succeed...Me! Real trust comes from things you can not see. I will help you see the real you!
- **Collaborative Partnership** - Continual learning that builds confidence, fosters positive interactions, empowers you to be challenged to grow, encourages safe haven to share experiences, and teaches the Teacher!

## Scorecard for Significance

- **Creative Inspiration** - Write a book to “record” my teachings
  - Teaching packages for Organizations to invest in their employees and culture to convert the vastly “not engaged” to be “highly engaged” by **encouragement, reward,** and provide **empowerment** to be **creative**
  - Teaching packages for Managers to invest in themselves and to develop **talent** by focusing on individual strengths and not weaknesses
  - Teaching packages for Individuals to realize their dreams
- **Dedicated Motivation** –
  - Take the self-investment journey for myself as I guide others.
  - Live my life in alignment with the principles of “The Optimist Creed” (APPENDIX 2)
- **Collaborative Partnership** Capture and record testimonials and proactively adjust/tailor teachings

## **My Six Pack**

### **Worldview (What I believe)**

- I believe that everything happens for a reason. God has the “playbook”. Live it, Love it, and Learn from it!
- I believe that anything is possible; Your Dreams, Your Ideas, Your Vision. Never let anyone tell you, “You Can’t”
- I believe there is GOOD in everyone
- I believe we need the help of others to realize all of the wisdom to be learned
- I believe that courage is fear that has said its prayers!

### **Identity (Who am I)**

- I am hugely committed to the success of others
- I am bold, strong and confident
- I am a risk taker to the benefit of others
- I am compassionate
- I am resourceful and creative
- I am a mother

### **Principles (What do I value)**

- I value myself and my worth
- I value trust
- I value the truth
- I value gratitude – grateful for what I have
- I value my family & friends...and those I’m yet to meet. Relationships are powerful.
- I value the life I was given
- I value the power of a positive attitude
- I value the strengths of others
- I value the power of sharing my experiences with others
- I value the power of focused priorities and consistent concentration to grasp the potential to achieve great things

### **Passion (Who/What do I love)**

- I Love being a mother and the ability to influence in his choices and walk with GOD
- I Love to Inspire and motivate others
- I Love mentoring others and watching their successes
- I Love surrounding myself with the positive energy of others
- I Love giving myself to help others
- I Love to keep learning, growing, & improving myself
- I Love meditation and exercise
- I Love to relax with my cats

### **Purpose (Why I live and work)**

- I help others reach their potential
- I help others realize the value of thinking of others (& their concerns) before thinking of themselves.
- I help others to show up everyday & come ready to work
- I help others learn how to listen – You have to be silent to listen (FYI, both words are formed from the same letters: S-i-l-e-n-t, L-i-s-t-e-n)
- I help others to focus on their strengths
- I help others to concentrate on what they do well so they can do it better than anybody else
- I help others to make their “plan” public to ensure there is commitment and responsibility

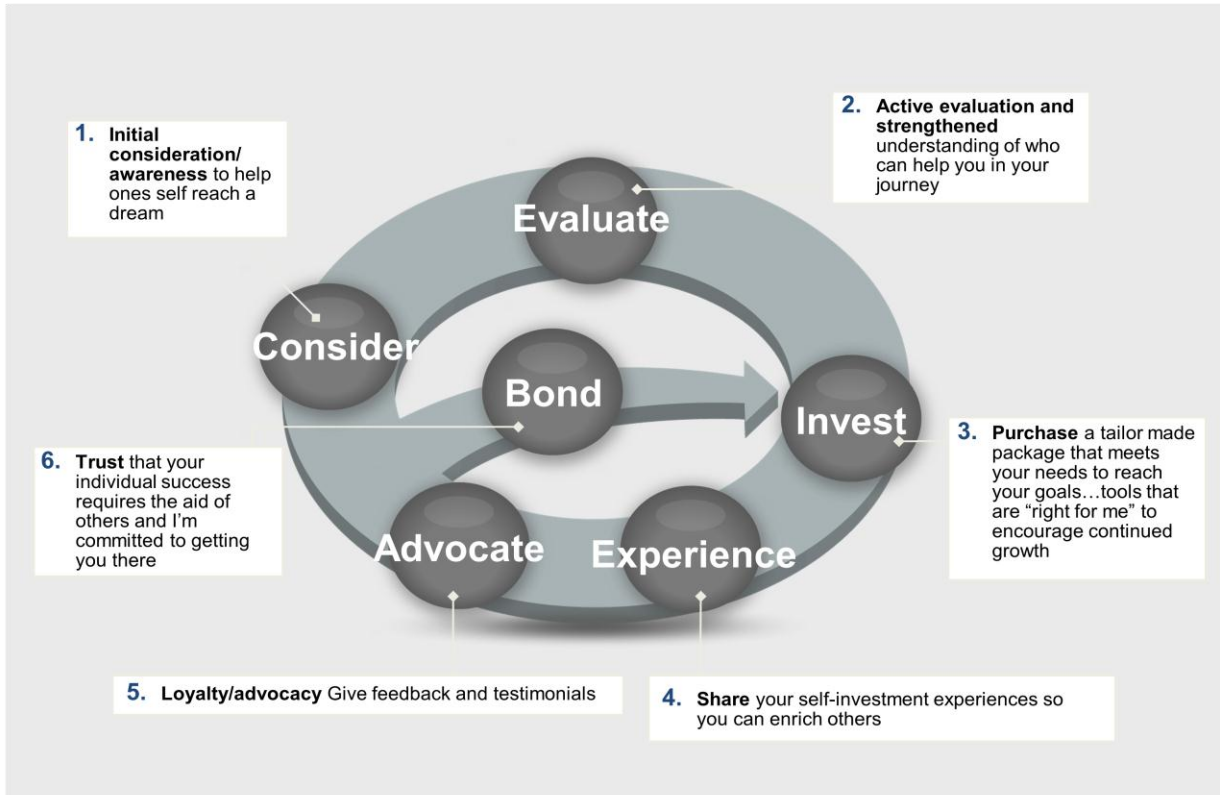
*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.*

*So throw of the bow lines.  
Sail away from the safe harbor.  
Catch the trade winds in your sails.  
Explore.  
Dream.  
Discover.*

**-Mark Twain**

## APPENDIX 1

### The Self-Investment Journey



**"The Optimist Creed" – Christian D. Larson**

***Promise Yourself:***

*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*

*To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.*

*\*To make all your friends feel that there is something worthwhile in them.*

*To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.*

*To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.*

*To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.*

*To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.*

*To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.*

*To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*

*To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

*To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.*

*To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.*