# **Evaluating Your Priorities**

In each priority area below are just a few of many questions you could consider as you evaluate your priorities. The questions below are a good start. When you are ready we can dive deeper. Check each box in which you feel confident. If you have a question about any question leave it unchecked.

#### Take Care of Your Customer

- 1. We no longer find it necessary to compete on price alone.
- 2. Every employee is aware of the lifetime value of our clients. *This value is continuously increasing*.
- 3. Each salesperson knows his/her conversion rate and average transactions /customer.
- 4. Each salesperson is successful & receives regular product & sales skill training.
- 5. Every employee knows and can explain our unique selling proposition.

## **Take Care of Your Employees**

- 1. Every employee is proud to be a walking, talking advertisement for our company.
- 2. Each employee is formally evaluated & rewarded on his/her specific objectives.
- 3. There is a complete contingency staffing plan in place for every position.
- 4. Each employee sees his/her job as a career, not a short term assignment.
- 5. Each employee is listened to, encouraged to make recommendations and satisfied with his/her work.

#### **Take Care of Your Finances**

- 1. Our company has adequate cash flow to achieve its objectives.
- 2. Profitability is higher than the industry average *and will increase by no less than 10% this year*.
- 3. The company works from an annual written budget.
- 4. Suppliers, service providers and loan payments are routinely paid on time and as agreed.
- 5. Breakeven levels are relatively low.

## **Develop Dynamic Operational Systems**

- 1. The sales force functions as a team, rather than as a group of individuals.
- 2. We survey people who do not buy our product to improve our product/service.
- 3. Our productivity is measured by key performance indicators.
- 4. We are driven by quality and profit. Both are measured regularly.
- 5. The budgeting process is always reflected upon prior to conclusion and seldom if ever done over.

#### **Use SWOT**

- 1. Our staff has the environment, equipment and training needed to double our productivity.
- 2. Each employee is accountable, never makes excuses for performance and is operating at his/her full potential.
- 3. New government regulations and changes in competitive strategies do not catch us by surprise.
- 4. Our direction and people can change instantly to meet our customers' needs.
- 5. We take full advantage of our supplier resources to keep our inventory low, our costs as low as possible and our customers satisfied.

### **Take Care of Yourself**

- 1. I have more time than I need to get things done and typically work less than 50 hours/wk.
- 2. I work out regularly and spend quality time with the people I care about.
- 3. I regularly put aside funds with which to become financially independent.
- 4. My days are well planned. I almost never run on adrenaline.
- 5. I am happy with the amount of money I make from my business.