

Are each of your people in the right seat?

If they are not, you will be frustrated, they will be frustrated, and, as a result, you will never be able to completely delegate and elevate. You will always be forced to do their work and will not be able to let go of the vine.

 Function Name • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____

In order for someone to be in the right seat, to step up, and to ultimately fill the opening you have created, he or she must get it, want it, and have the capacity to do the job. If any one of the three is a “no,” it is never going to happen ... 99.9 percent of the time.

Do they:

Get it?

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- Do all of the neurons in his or her brain connect when you explain and they do the job?
- Does he or she get all of the ins and outs of the position?
- Not everyone gets it, and it's not a bad thing. He or she just needs to be in a different seat.

Want it?

- Does he or she genuinely want to do the job?
- Does he or she get up every morning wanting to do it?
- You can't pay, motivate, force, or beg him or her to want it. He or she has to want it on his or her own.
- Sometimes people get it and have the capacity, but just don't want it anymore.

Capacity?

- Does he or she have the mental, physical, spiritual, time, knowledge and emotional capacity to do the job?
- Sometimes this one is negotiable. While not getting it or wanting it are deal-killers, a problem of capacity can be solved, although rarely. If you believe the person can gain the capacity and you are willing to invest the time, resources, and energy for him or her to do so, do it. It is just that most growing organizations don't have the luxury of waiting one to three years for someone to gain the capacity and need the seat filled completely now.