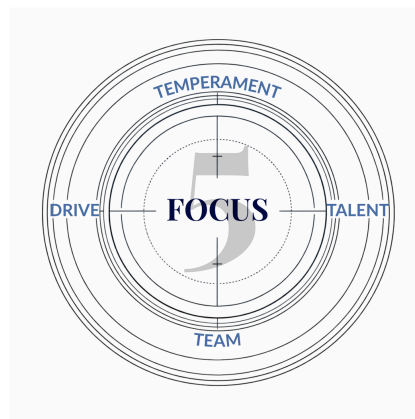

THE FIVE KEYS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Performance Based Analysis of
Sales Consistency



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sales success is not random. It is conditional. Most organizations resist that conclusion. They blame the market. They blame the candidate. They blame timing. What they rarely examine are the conditions they create and allow.

This analysis is based on fifteen years of direct, commission-based sales performance, evaluated year by year against the presence or absence of certain elements. The consistency of the pattern across multiple environments removes randomness from the equation.

There were years where I worked harder than ever and produced less. There were years where results became so consistent they felt automatic. The difference was not effort. It was not intelligence. It was not opportunity alone.

The difference was alignment of the elements.

When five specific elements were present and aligned, success followed. When one was missing or misaligned, performance declined - regardless of effort.

Those elements are:

Temperament. Talent. Team. Drive. Focus.

The Five Keys replace the outdated hire-and-attrition model that has defined sales organizations for decades. Instead of accepting turnover as inevitable, this system defines the elements required for consistent performance—and enforces them.

The Pattern Most People Miss

Every successful year shared the same structure:

- The right temperament for the environment
- The right talent for the role
- A team that protected selling time
- The internal drive to sustain action
- Focus on the right activities

Every failure followed the same pattern in reverse:

- Focus drifted
- Drive weakened
- Structure broke down
- Talent was misapplied

**Not suddenly.
Gradually.**

Salespeople do not usually fail fast. They drift.

The Finding That Removes the Excuses

**One conclusion made everything clear:
No Year Lacking Focus Resulted in Success.
Not One.**

Focus is not just another element in the system. It is the organizing force and enforcement mechanism that determines whether the other four produce results. Talent without Focus is wasted. Drive without Focus is misdirected. Team without Focus becomes overhead.

Focus is the difference between activity and production.

The Hiring Model That Fails

Most sales organizations follow the same pattern:

- Hire 20
- Keep 4
- Accept Turnover

They call it “the nature of the business.” It is not.

It is poor selection and weak structure. This model wastes time, money, leadership attention, resources, and often capable people placed in the wrong role.

It does not produce consistency. It produces survivors. Sometimes.

The Hiring Model That Works

Hire the right 6 - and keep them. That requires discipline on the front end.

Three elements can be identified before the hire:

- Temperament - Do they belong in this environment?
- Talent - Can they influence outcomes?
- Drive - Will they act before results appear?

The remaining two are leadership responsibilities:

- Team - Structure that protects selling time
- Focus - The organizing force that must be enforced

The Framework

Hire for Temperament, Talent, and Drive. Provide Team and enforce Focus.
Anything else is guesswork.

What Happens in Most Organizations

When alignment is missing, activity increases, pressure increases, and results do not. Managers respond by increasing activity expectations, adding training, and applying more pressure. They are solving the wrong problem. You cannot coach someone into the wrong role and expect consistent performance.

The Reality Most People Resist

Sales performance rarely collapses all at once. It erodes. People drift away from what works, toward easier activity, toward comfortable conversations, and toward effort that feels productive but does not convert. Organizations drift the same way, toward volume hiring, toward reactive management, and toward normalized failure.

The Bottom Line

Sales success is not a mystery. It is a structured outcome. Temperament determines fit. Talent determines effectiveness. Team determines leverage. Drive determines persistence. Focus determines direction. Remove one, and performance weakens. Remove Focus, and performance collapses.

Bridge to the Full Analysis

This is not theory.

It is a pattern drawn from fifteen years of performance, regression, recovery, and sustained success - where the same five elements appeared every time results were real. The full white paper details the data, the timeline, and the decisions behind those outcomes.

Final Thought

The work does not change. Where the work is applied does.

When the elements are aligned, success is no longer occasional.

It becomes expected.