

## Stephen Covey's Grid for Determining How To Use Your Time Effectively

IMPORTANT	<p>Items that are important and urgent</p> <p>Examples might be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items with a short deadline</li> <li>• Crisis situations</li> </ul> <p><i>People who like a crisis tend to spend most of their time on these activities.</i></p>	<p>Items that are important but not urgent</p> <p>Examples might be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing relationships</li> <li>• Planning</li> </ul> <p><i>Aim to get to the point where these are your priority activities.</i></p>
NOT IMPORTANT	<p>Items that are not important but urgent</p> <p>Examples might be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answering phone calls</li> <li>• Replying to emails from colleagues (they think they are urgent)</li> </ul> <p><i>You'll spend most of your time here if you don't plan &amp; schedule your time, thus allowing others to dictate how you use it.</i></p>	<p>Items that are not important &amp; not urgent</p> <p>Examples might be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checking Social Media</li> </ul> <p><i>This is generally pointless activity. It's the kind of thing that fills your time if you allow yourself the opportunity to be bored or if you tend to procrastinate.</i></p>
	URGENT	NOT URGENT