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## Career Power Moves: 5 Gems to Building a Thriving Career

Have you seen someone winning in their career and wondered how things seem to be working out so well for them? This guide provides 5 proven career coaching strategies to build a thriving career. No matter what career stage you're in this guide is for you.

### Build Self-Awareness

1. Take the time to learn more about you. What are you great at? What do you need to work on? What types of work do you get excited to do? **The more you know about yourself** the better you will be able to put yourself in **position to succeed in your career**. A great way to learn more is to take a self-assessment, when you take the time to learn the language of how you work best you set yourself up to win. There are lots out there, my top 3 are Myer's Briggs, Strength Finder and DISC.

### Get Your Hands Dirty

2. Do the work, day in and day out to learn your craft and develop your expertise to make **yourself an asset**. One way to make yourself an asset that works really well is to take on some "ugly" projects that other people have opted out of. This requires you to have vision and be ready to work hard. The upside is that the **results are all yours**. When you crush the ugly project that no one else wanted you learn new skills and you build credibility.

### Build Communication

3. Communication is a core competency for +90% of roles as you elevate in your career. You benefit from **building the skill early and authentically**. Written and verbal communication are foundational but often overlooked so those that do them well stand out. When you communicate well it adds to your credibility and **builds others confidence in you**.

### Take Calculated Risk

4. Calculated risk looks different for everyone because its dictated by your comfort zone. The goal is to push yourself outside of your comfort zone. The only way for you to grow and reach your full potential is to do things that make you **uncomfortable in a good way**. **You can't hear the yes if you don't put yourself out there**. It's natural to feel fear before taking the risk, let the fear happen and move anyway, there is growth on the other side.

### Recruit Your Sponsor

5. Most career advancing opportunities are granted through a sponsor who offers your name when the decisions are being made about who will get the next great thing. We all need someone who is willing to speak about our work and potential **in rooms that we are not in**. As Carla Harris says, "A sponsor is the person who carries your resume into the room ...He or she is the person who will go out on a limb and **vouch for you passionately**, behind closed doors."

Ready to build a plan for a thriving career? Reach out to **[gemsforthejourney.org](https://gemsforthejourney.org)** for an expert developed **Career Plan**.