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Rooted in Discipline, Purpose & Growth

My approach to leadership and creative execution has been shaped by formative experiences in football and by working alongside some of the most respected coaches in the sport. I was fortunate to learn directly from Pete Carroll, whose “Always Compete” philosophy left a lasting impact, and later collaborated with Super Bowl-winning coach Blake Williams of the DC Defenders, who emphasized a framework of accountability and performance. These experiences, combined with my journey as a content creator and team leader, have led me to build a personal code, grounded in consistency, curiosity, and commitment to excellence.

1. It's All About the Work

- **Love the Process**
- **There Are No Shortcuts**
- **Consistency is Vital**

“To be successful at anything, the truth is you don’t have to be special. You just have to be what most people aren’t: consistent, determined, and willing to work for it. No shortcuts.” - *Tom Brady*

At my core, I’m a grinder. If there’s one consistent thread in everything I’ve achieved, it’s been my work ethic. I’ve always found leverage in my ability to outwork the person next to me. In a world increasingly addicted to instant gratification, the real key is falling in love with the process. Yes, results matter, but results are a byproduct of showing up every day, paying attention to the details, and doing the work. If you focus on the process, the rest will fall into place. It’s the late nights, the re-edits, the hours spent refining a single moment of content. It’s not glamorous but it’s the difference between average and exceptional.

2. Lead with Instinct, Create with Heart

When in doubt, trust your instincts. Remember what got you to this point. In entertainment and in life, connecting with others comes down to emotion and communication. If you don't *feel it* in your heart, chances are your audience won't either. Authenticity matters. Follow your gut and let your passion lead.

3. Attitude, Enthusiasm

- **Control the Controllables**
- **Lead by Example**
- **Stay Positive Under Pressure**

"Talent may get you on the field, but it's effort and attitude that will keep you there."
- *Ken Griffey Jr.*

Life is full of ups and downs. You can't control every challenge that comes your way, but you can always control how you respond. Work might be frustrating. People will disappoint you. Life will throw its curveballs. But your effort, attitude and energy are yours. Stay grounded in gratitude. Look for the good. And when you're surrounded by negativity, be the positive example. How you show up matters.

4. Accountability

- **You Are the Architect of Your Life**
- **No Excuses**
- **Learn from Your Mistakes**

Growth starts with taking ownership. Celebrate your wins, but don't hide from your failures. Embrace them. Use them as motivation. Be honest with yourself and others about where you've fallen short. Accountability isn't about being perfect; it's about being responsible. That's how you improve. Accountability builds trust—and trust builds teams.

5. Respect Everyone

- **Reputation Matters**
- **Collaboration Builds Culture**

You get back what you put into the world. Treat people with respect - whether or not it's reciprocated. Listen. Learn. Collaborate. Help when you can, because you never know when the favor might be returned. Your reputation travels farther than you think, and it's built every day through how you treat others. Be someone people want to work with again.

6. Always Compete

- **Stay Curious**
- **Keep the Edge Sharp**
- **Use Competition as Fuel**
- **Kill Or Be Killed**

"If you're not competing, you're not doing it right." - *Pete Carroll*

Always be competing, Not necessarily with others, but with yourself. Never settle. Stay curious and hungry. Let the excellence of others inspire you, not intimidate you. The goal isn't to be *the* best, but to be *your* best. Competition is how you keep the edge sharp. It's how greatness is forged.