

5 Signs You Are Doing \$15/Hour Work as a \$500/Hour CEO

For founders generating **\$500K+** who are still doing everything themselves.

Why it Matters:

Every process living in your head is a liability. Every decision only you can make is a growth cap. Read through the five signs below and count how many apply to you.

1. YOUR INBOX

Your inbox is the first thing you open every morning. If your day starts in reaction mode, your strategic capacity is being spent before your most important thinking even has a chance to happen. Inbox management is \$15/hour work. The thinking that grows your business is not.

2. SCHEDULING

You are the one scheduling your own meetings. Every back-and-forth you manage manually is time your business did not get your strategic attention. Scheduling is the most commonly delegated task — and the most commonly held onto one.

3. DELEGATION

You could not take a full week off without things breaking. If your business stops when you stop, you have not built a business — you have built a job with no ceiling and no paid leave. This is the most expensive operational risk in a founder-led company.

4. DOCUMENTATION GAP

You are regularly doing tasks you have done before and could write instructions for. If you can describe how to do it, someone else can do it. The fact that it keeps landing on your plate is not a skills gap. It is a documentation gap.

5. DISTRACTION

Your highest-revenue opportunities keep getting postponed because you are too busy. The partnership conversation. The new service tier. The outreach to a warm referral. These are the activities that move your business forward — and they keep losing to operational tasks that could have been handled by someone else.

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If three or more of these signs are true, you are operating below your strategic level. That is not a motivation problem. It is an infrastructure problem.

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