

Five for Friday Outline

Hello colleagues and welcome to the Assistant Principal Podcast. I'm your host Frederick Buskey. The goal of this podcast is to help improve the life and leadership of assistant principals. Today's episode of Five for Friday recaps the strategic leadership emails for the week of December 26-30.

Imagine setting a leadership intention at the beginning of each day. That's what many readers of the daily email do. For some, it has become a ritual: Pour a cup of coffee, open your email, read the Strategic Leader Daily, and set one intention to be aware of or execute for the day. The daily email is a powerful leadership practice so if you aren't already a subscriber, I hope you'll consider joining the list. It's just one more way to include me on your leadership journey, and that would bring me joy. You can find a link on my homepage at <https://www.frederickbuskey.com/>

From December 26-January 6 are the [twelve days of Christmas](#) (in some traditions) and we are celebrating each day with a fun leadership lyric and brief lesson. Original lyrics are [here](#)

Day 1

Subject: On the 1st day of Christmas, Frederick gave to me...

A process for proximity,

The most special gift is presence (proximity), but giving it consistently requires intention. Reflect on the flow of your day and build in a time and habit (process) for being present with people.

Day 2

Subject: On the 2nd day of Christmas, Frederick gave to me...

Two gentle shoves,

When we do everything ourselves, we deprive others the opportunity to grow as leaders. Sometimes we need to give people a gentle nudge to take on something that will stretch them. We just need to stay close to support them.

Day 3

Subject: On the 3rd day of Christmas, Frederick gave to me...

Three good friends,

Leadership can be lonely. Identify three people who are special: A mentor, a peer, and a future leader. Invest in those relationships. It is like Christmas past, present, and future, but without the ghosts and humbugs!

Day 4

Subject: On the 4th day of Christmas, Frederick gave to me...

Four magic words,

Strategic leadership is simple. Difficult, but simple. It comes down to four words: people, purpose, problems, and progress.

Day 5

Subject: On the 5th day of Christmas, Frederick gave to me...

Five-minute coaching,

You had to see that one coming, right? Five-minute coaching is golden. Five minutes, three questions, many outcomes. You can download my five-minute coaching guide here. **[will need to create a link and use the pdf of Q2 issue 0]**

This wraps up this week's Five for Friday rendition of The Assistant Principal Podcast. If you enjoyed today's show, please subscribe and rate this podcast.

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I'm Frederick Buskey and I hope you'll join me next time for the Assistant Principal Podcast.