## THE DONALD COOPER CORPORATION

Speaking internationally on management, marketing and business innovation





Donald Cooper, MBA, HoF

### What clients say...

A compelling bottom-line business message...brilliantly delivered!

**Editor of Profit Magazine** 

Simply put, Donald makes sense. He delivers 'good stuff' that you can take away and do something with.

Beacon Lighting, Australia

Donald, your 2 Seminars were rated #1 and #2 out of over 40 programs that we offered.

Sterling Event Management, USA

Every business owner needs to spend a few hours with Donald Cooper...it changes everything!

Pres. of America's #1 RV Dealership

Thought-provoking and entertaining... best business seminar I've attended in 25 years.

Tech Data Conference, Orlando, FL

#### A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DONALD'S PRESENTATION ON...

# Vision Critical... how to manage, innovate and thrive in a very different tomorrow!

There's huge confusion in business today about what a 'Vision' is, what it isn't...and whether it even makes sense to have one. Businesses spend thousands of dollars on consultants or 'Management Retreats' to come up with a vague, airy-fairy 'aspirational' Vision that says little, and achieves nothing.

Every industry is changing quickly. New technologies and disruptive business models are taking over. To succeed in this fast-changing and hyper-competitive world, we need clarity about the future of our business and our industry.

What businesses really need is an 'Operational Vision'. A clear, specific and measurable statement of what we commit to become to be a more profitable and responsible market leader in 3 to 5 years. This 'Operational Vision' will be 6 points on one page that will be easily updated each year to keep us current, relevant and in the lead. From our 3 to 5 year Vision comes our annual 'Mission' and a detailed and specific 'Commitment to Action' that states what will be done, by whom, by when, measured how.

Our Vision will inform, focus, challenge and inspire us as leaders and everyone on our team, by creating clarity about 5 specific things:

- 1. The compelling customer value and experience that we commit to deliver,
- 2. What we commit to become in 3 to 5 years,
- 3. Specifically how we'll get to that extraordinary future (our Mission),
- 4. The extraordinary bottom line that we commit to generate...and,
- 5. How we commit to 'behave' along the way (our values, ethics & culture).

That level of clarity simply doesn't exist in most businesses today...and it's killing them. Your Vision will also be our most effective staff planning and recruitment tool when hiring and developing key team members. With a clear Vision, we hire for the future...not for the immediate past.

Donald's breakthrough work on business Vision, 7 years in the making, has helped 1,000s of companies throughout the world to improve clarity, commitment, accountability and profitability. This program, complete with an offer to obtain Donald's 34-page, step-by-step **Vision Critical Guide**, is offered as a Keynote, or as a longer interactive Workshop.

Bonus take-away value: Each session attendee receives access to Donald's complete set of 'Business assessment and management implementation tools'.



'Vision Critical' Guide

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### **About Donald Cooper, MBA, CSP, HoF:**

Donald doesn't just talk about it; he has actually done it...and done it well! He has been **both a world-class** manufacturer and an award-winning retailer.

Donald started his business career at the age of 6, sweeping the floor in the family business for 5 cents a day. Long days and low pay...excellent early training for an entrepreneur.

He earned an undergraduate business degree and an MBA from the Ivey Business School at Western University, followed by 18 years at **Cooper Canada**, the family business. From humble beginnings, Cooper Canada became the world's leading maker of hockey equipment and a Canadian Brand icon.

As a growing family business, Cooper Canada bought competitors, went public, became unionized, became un-unionized, imported, exported to 20 countries, opened an offshore factory in Barbados, and grew to over 2,800 employees. Donald has been in the trenches.

Following the decision to sell Cooper Canada, Donald reinvented himself as a visionary fashion retailer. He fundamentally redefined the customer experience, for which he received seven Awards of Excellence for service, marketing and business innovation, including being voted Canada's outstanding Innovative Retailer of the Year.

For the past 20 years he has worked with business owners and managers in over 40 industries throughout the world to improve clarity of purpose, compelling customer value, management effectiveness and long-term profitability.

For his unique ability to inform, challenge and inspire even the most cynical business audience, he has been inducted into the **Canadian Speaking Hall of Fame** and been awarded the **Certified Speaking Professional** (CSP) designation...the highest *international* designation in professional speaking.

For more information about Donald and his work, including a number of short video clips and business articles, go to donaldcooper.com.

### What clients say about Donald's presentations:

- Every business owner needs to spend a few hours with Donald Cooper. It changes everything.
- Donald's management 'Boot Camp' has delivered the best take-away value of any program that we've attended. He delivers effective tools that will have a profound impact on any business.
- Awesome insights; edgy, engaging humor; passion and humanity...the whole package.
- This has been an important day for the future of our business.
- I can honestly say that this was the most eye-opening, forward-thinking and helpful business event I've attended. I really appreciate your honest, real and straight-forward approach to management, marketing and profitability.
- The best, bottom-line business session that has been offered by our Association in the 20 years.
- You have energized me to make a difference in my business and my life!
- By applying what I learned in Donald's session, I've grown my business by over 50%. I have achieved the Readers Choice Award for the favorite local business in my category and am now living the life I only once dreamed of.

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