

40 Things For Which Every Business Leader Can Be Grateful

1. *YOUR ROLE.* You get to call the shots and be in a position to positively influence those around you.

2. *FAVORITE CLIENTS.* They're easy to work with, pay well and on time and refer others to you without even being asked.

3. *LEAST FAVORITE CLIENTS.* They're a pain in the neck, but hey, they are teaching you how to be a better leader and who your ideal customer is NOT.

4. *TEAMMATES.* The people in the trenches with you, getting stuff done. Especially the ones who are gifted in areas where you aren't.

5. *MENTORS.* They've traveled the path we're on now and help us navigate the road ahead.

6. *FAMILY.* Your spouse, children, parents, extended family. The people who see you at your best (and sometimes your worst) and still love you anyway!

7. *FRIENDS.* Always have your back and know what you need after a tough day at the office.

8. *YOUR COMMUNITY.* All the good people doing great things that make the place you live truly special.

9. *THE INTERNET.* We have access to more information and people all around the world at our fingertips than ever. It's a game-changer!

10. *CELLPHONES.* Ability to connect with your team and clients almost anywhere you go.

11. *COFFEE.* Does this really need an explanation? Fill that mug up and raise it high for this miracle beverage.

12. *SPELLCHECK.* If I had a dime for every time this handy tool has saved the day.

13. *CONFLICT.* Not a typo! Conflicts, when handled correctly, can make everyone involved stronger, smarter, and closer together.

14. *DIVERSITY.* How boring would it be if everyone were the same? Be thankful for the wonderful variety of ideas and backgrounds that spark creativity, empathy, and innovation.

15. *NETWORKING.* Think of all the brilliant and interesting people you've met in your life -- a small fraction of those you have yet to meet.

16. *VIDEO.* We have the ability to produce professional quality videos from our cellphones!

17. *PAYCHECKS.* Being a steward of the financial resources that help put food on the table and keep a roof over the heads of the families of those our businesses touch.

18. *CAPITALISM.* We have the opportunity to create and/or sell something of value for a profit, so that we can grow our business and make a big impact.

19. *COMPUTERS.* They've allowed us to work more quickly, connect more easily, and create things that were once thought impossible.

20. *AUTOMATION.* Here's to working smarter, not harder!



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21. CREATIVITY. The ability to turn your thoughts and dreams into something tangible and real.

22. A JOB WELL DONE. Feels good when you hit it out of the park, don't it?

23. TESTIMONIALS. A good word or two from a customer let's us know we served them well, and reminds us that the business we lead makes a difference.

24. INNOVATION. Finding that solution that solves a new problem, or improves upon the solution of an old problem.

25. ENCOURAGEMENT. That time you heard the words you needed to hear to press on when you felt like throwing in the towel.

26. INFLUENCE. Our ability to make a positive impact in the lives of others and point them in the right direction.

27. HONESTY. The opportunity to trust those close to you without hesitation because you know they tell you the truth.

28. INTEGRITY. Knowing that business is being done right, even when you're not looking.

29. INITIATIVE. That time when that employee took big action without being asked.

30. DRIVE. Your ability to push through those roadblocks like you've done so many times before.

31. PASSION. That eternal flame burning inside of you to grow your business, make an impact and leave a legacy.

32. DILIGENCE. Isn't it refreshing when all of the i's have been dotted and t's crossed?

33. ENERGY. Remember that time you were radiating with vibrant energy? Be grateful for that moment, and repeat!

34. HEALTH. Without it, you wouldn't be able to lead your business the way you are now. Be thankful, and keep it a priority.

35. CLARITY. Knowing who you are and what the mission of your business is makes you a better leader.

36. COURAGE. When you and/or others took action in the face of significant risk.

37. VISION. Your ability as a leader to see around the corner and clearly articulate it to your team.

38. PROVIDENCE. Those unexpected gifts that you received without you or your team doing anything to solicit them. It occurs more often than we tend to acknowledge.

39. FLOW. Those times when the work you are doing feels effortless and fulfilling.

40. BALANCE. The opportunity to live life fully and completely outside of your business.

