

DISCIPLINE IN TRADING:



Mastering the art of
doing the hard thing

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Tonight's lineup

- Discipline misconceptions
- The willpower myth
- Your trading environment
- Your process mindset
- Q&A + open discussion



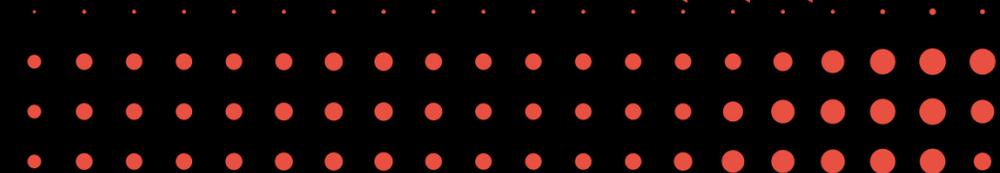
February **performance & discipline**

My general trading rules:

1. Alerts

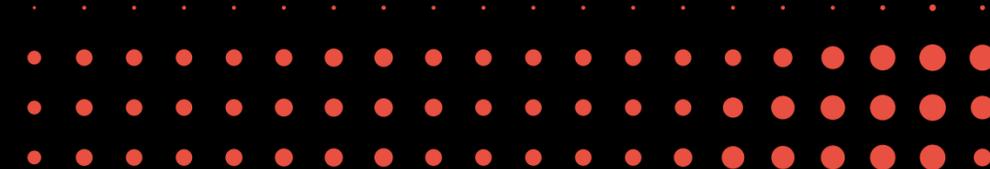
2. 3 setups (max 6 trades a day)

3. Max 3 losers per trading session



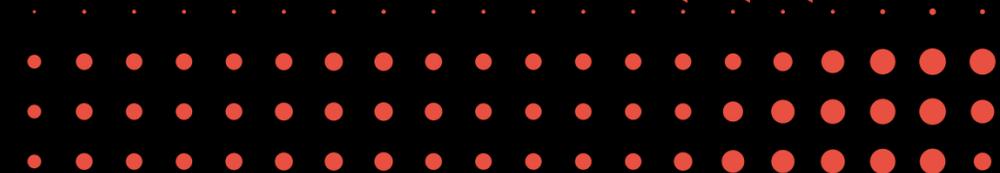
▶▶▶ Discipline **is the Holy Grail**

- Why discipline is the most critical skill in trading
- Common misconceptions about discipline (it's not about willpower!)
- What you'll learn today:
 - Why traditional discipline advice fails
 - How to train your brain for discipline
 - How to create an environment that makes discipline effortless



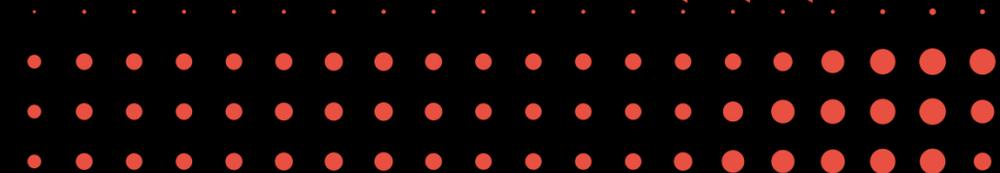
▶▶▶ Why Discipline is **so Hard?**

- The human brain is wired to avoid discomfort
- Trading triggers fear, greed, and overconfidence → leads to impulsivity
- Discipline = executing despite emotions and using emotions as a guide for your self reflection and journaling.



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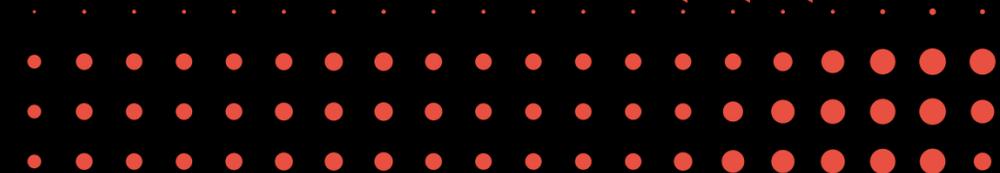
- Most traders think discipline = willpower.
- But science proves willpower is unreliable and unsustainable.
- Consistent winner = habits and systems that make discipline automatic.
- Traders rely too much on "trying harder" instead of building a system
- How can we make discipline easier instead of forcing it?



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1. **Willpower is a Limited Resource**

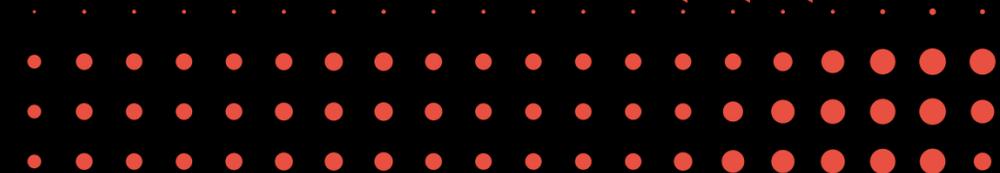
-  Baumeister et al. (1998) – Ego Depletion Theory
- Willpower fatigues like a muscle.
- Study: Resisting cookies made people give up faster on tasks.
- Trading Impact: If you rely on willpower, you'll break rules after a few trades.
-  Solution: Stop relying on willpower—build automatic habits instead.



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2. **Habit Formation is Stronger Than Willpower**

- 📖 Wood & Neal (2007) – 40% of daily actions are habitual
- People don't succeed by "trying harder" but by removing friction.
- Duhigg (2012) – The Power of Habit → Self-control is about automation, not force.
- Trading Impact: If discipline isn't a habit, you'll always struggle with execution.
- ✅ Solution: Create routines, checklists, and automated rules for effortless discipline.



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3. **Self-Control is About Focus, Not Suppression**

🧠 Mischel's Marshmallow Experiment (1972)

- Kids who distracted themselves lasted 2x longer than those who tried to "resist."
- Key lesson: Self-control = changing focus, not forcing discipline.
- Trading Impact: If you sit and fight urges, you'll eventually give in.

✅ Solution: Limit your exposure to temptation (use alerts, structured trading times, and automated stops).



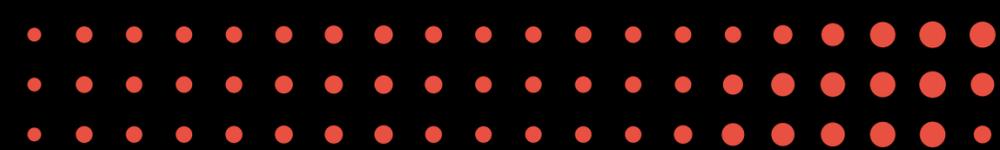
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4. **Systems Beat Motivation Every Time**

 Duckworth & Seligman (2005) – Self-discipline beats IQ

- Success comes from structured routines, not trying harder.
- Clear (2018) – Atomic Habits:
-  "You do not rise to the level of your goals, you fall to the level of your systems."
- Trading Impact: You can't rely on motivation—you need a process that enforces discipline automatically.

 Solution: Build a trading system that forces good habits (risk management, pre-trade checklists, defined rules).



▶▶▶ The Science of Discipline takeaways

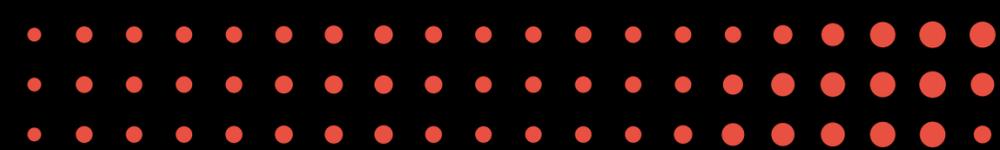
🚀 Willpower alone will fail—you must train discipline like a habit.

⚡ Discipline becomes automatic when you create the right environment.

✅ Successful traders don't fight emotions—they design a system where mistakes are hard to make.

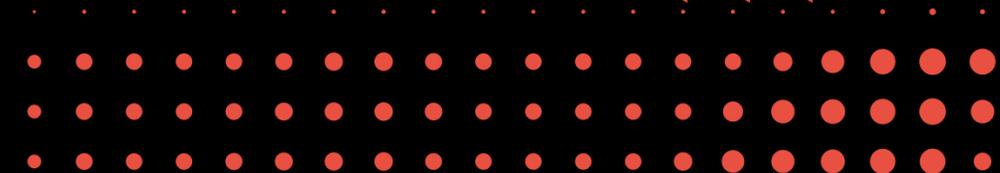
💡 Your action step:

- Replace willpower with structured trading habits.
- Use systems (risk limits, automated stops, lockouts) to make discipline effortless.
- Master execution, not emotions.



▶▶▶ Winning vs. **executing correctly**

- Winning a trade \neq Trading well
- Losing a trade \neq Trading poorly
- A winning trade that disrespects the process is dangerous
- A losing trade that follows the plan is a step toward mastery



▶▶▶ **Rewiring** your brain

 **Classic business**

vs.

 **Trading business**



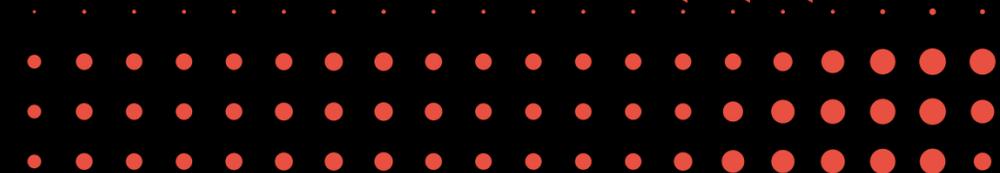
▶▶▶ Accelerate Your Discipline with **Personalized Coaching**

Want to rewire your trading discipline?

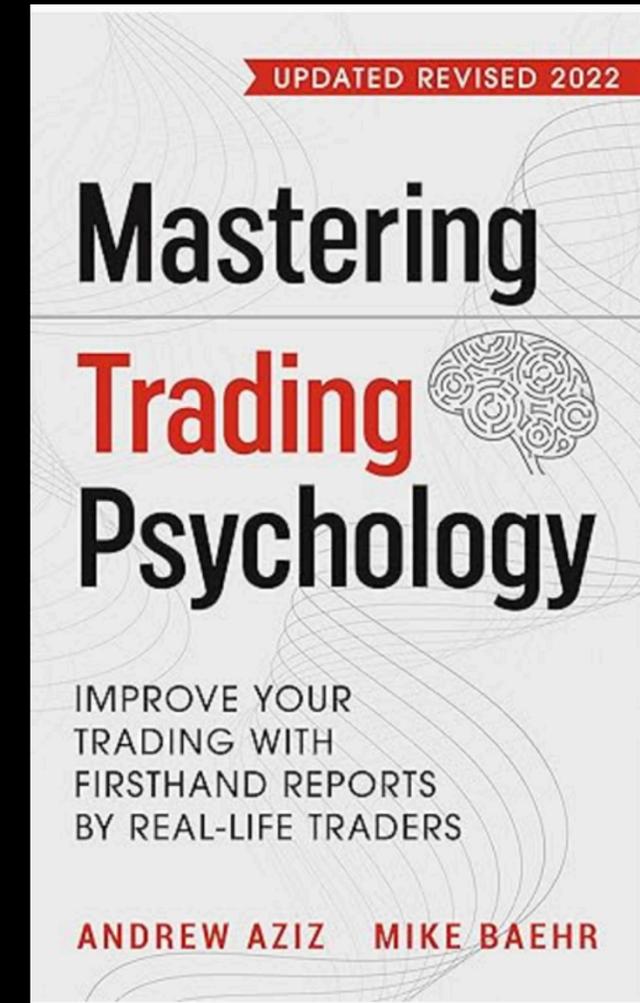
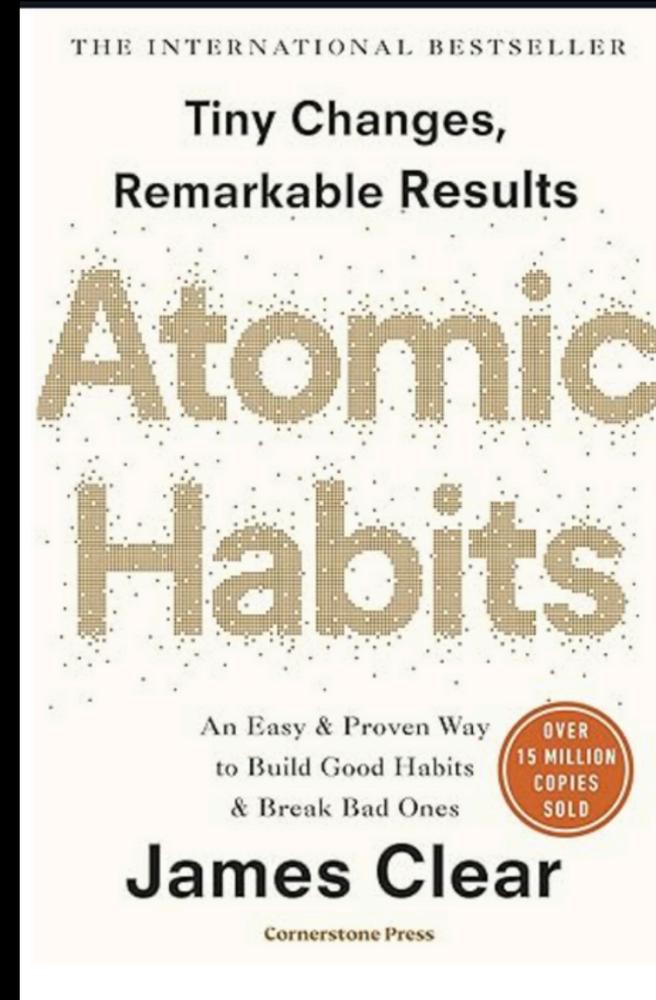
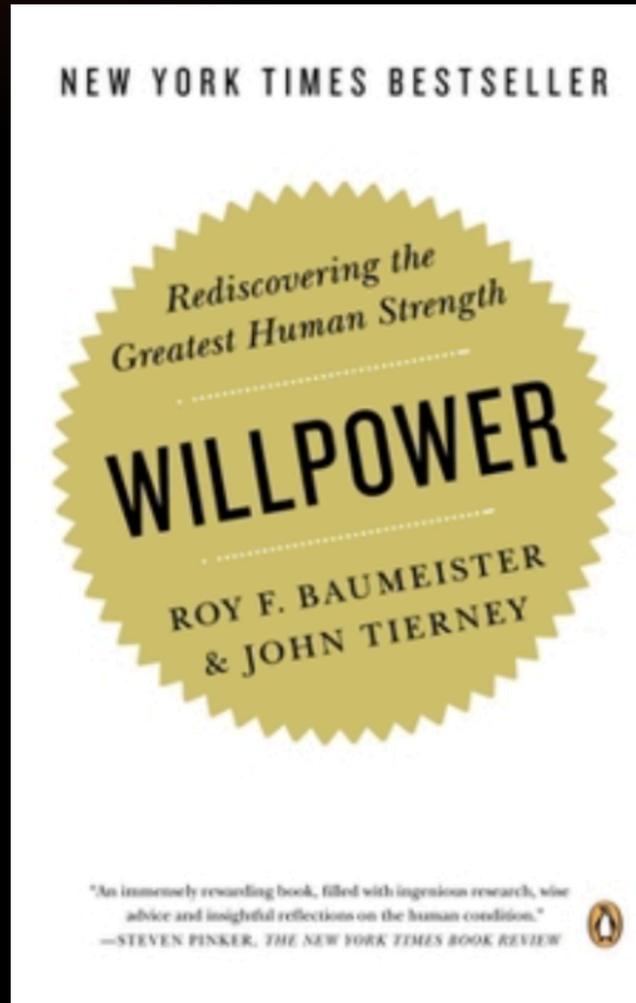
Let's work on it together.

Program:

- 🧠 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- 🧬 Neuropsychology & Habit Formation
- 🌀 Hypnosis for Subconscious Reprogramming
- 🧘 Mindfulness for Emotional Mastery



Recommended reading/listening



THANK YOU!



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