
PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY / THROUGHPUT ETHICS

Anti-Hustle: *Subtract* First

Friction is a line item; audit it before you buy another app that promises calm in a subscription box.

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blocks. Pair with deep work, personal SOPs, modular systems, and time arbitrage so bought time funds leverage—not guilt relief only.

*"Anti-hustle is subtraction with accountability
—still shipping, just refusing waste."*

1. Friction *as Inventory*

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ANTI-HUSTLE FRICTION AUDIT

01

Friction list

Meetings, tools, rework—ranked by hours.

02

Delete week

What vanishes next month with owners.

03

Intensity map

Hard pushes; protected recovery.

04

Boundary script

Client and team language for async norms.

8. Atlas *Integration*

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