

# The Prince

by Niccolò Machiavelli

A printable to-do list of the most effective habits from this book. Check one off each day you do it.

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<sup>01</sup> **Audit where your power actually comes from**

List the three systems or relationships that would still support you in a crisis. Strengthen what is truly yours before expanding surface influence.

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<sup>02</sup> **Define your fear-without-hatred boundary**

Name the exact behaviors you will sanction quickly, and the lines you will never cross. Predictability deters better than random severity.

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<sup>03</sup> **Build your fox and lion operating modes**

Choose one weekly decision where you lead with intelligence gathering first, and one where you lead with decisive enforcement. Review outcomes side by side.

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<sup>04</sup> **Reduce dependence on mercenary leverage**

Identify one outsourced dependency that could fail under pressure. Start replacing it with internal capability over the next 30 days.

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<sup>05</sup> **Pressure-test your public narrative**

Ask what your team or audience believes about your leadership. Compare that perception to your actual systems and close the biggest mismatch.

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<sup>06</sup> **Run a fortuna drill**

Simulate one adverse event this week (budget shock, key person loss, reputational hit). Draft your first three moves before it happens for real.