This is not original, but I thought it might be helpful for all those sales managers who get interruptions every minute of the day.

It's called "got a minute" meetings, I learned it from Chet Holmes' book, The Ultimate Sales Machine. I was reminded the other day by a time management coach as we discussed the importance of taking control of your time.

You know those meetings I am talking about.

"Hi Mike, got a minute?"

"Hi Mike, can I see you for a minute?"

"Hi Mike, in a minute, can I see you for a minute?"

Chet thinks there is a simple way around it... here are the steps:

- 1: You schedule your own time for a meeting... in other words, on your daily calendar you schedule them as appointments.
- 2: You let your staff know that from "10 am- 11 am today", I will be doing a "got a minute meeting."

Post that calendar on your front door, and they can make an appointment anywhere in that hour on that calender.

They are in 10-minute blocks, so you can see six people ONLY in that hour.

They come in with the issue, a possible solution, and they have 10 minutes with you to work through it.

That's it. You control the time. You might want to run these twice a day or once every other day.

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