## **Strategy for Enlighted Self-Interest**

Self-interest at first blush seems selfish, but it may not be. It is often in your own self-interest to do more for others. Consider the following strategy:

- 1. Clear the path for people above you; you will eventually clear a path for yourself.
- 2. *Make your superior look good*; avoid "showing up" your superior.
- 3. But don't simply make your superior look better— Make superiors be better.
- 4. Say little, do more: Talk less, do more.
- 5. Defer taking credit: Give credit to others.
- 6. Develop ideas: Then give them away.

All of these actions are investments in your own development; moreover, they have the side benefit of making your superiors look good.

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