

## **Action Step Exercise**

**Taking Action: Making It Happen!** 

#### Instructions:

### The only thing standing between you and your goals is taking action!

- **1.** Try to remember not to let your circumstances become excuses not to act.
- **2.** Don't overthink the process. Try not to procrastinate. The biggest thing is to just get started.
- **3.** Try to break up your goals into bite sized chunks that allow you to move in the direction of your goal. Remember it is a process, not an event.
- **4.** Get your next steps <u>in your calendar</u> for at least a month at a time. If you wait till you have extra time for achieving your goals, they won't get realized. That is because there is no extra time. Only the time we take.
- **5.** Once you get going, try to maintain forward movement (momentum). Starting is the hardest part.
- **6.** And by all means, celebrate progress. Staying motivated is easier when we acknowledge our wins. You can do it!

#### **Exercise:**

- 1. First, write down your SMARTER goals realized in your goal setting exercise. Next to each of your goals, ask yourself "what is the very next thing I need to do to reach this goal."
- 2. Schedule 1 month's worth of appointments in your calendar to work on the steps needed to achieve your goals.
- 3. Schedule regular time to review your progress (Preferably once a week).
- 4. Ask for help if you need it. You are not alone in this process.



# Goals and Action Steps

Goal 1:		
Next Action Step :		
Goal 2:		
Next Action Step:		
Goal 3:		
Next Action Step:		
Goal 4:		
Next Action Step:		
Goal 5:		
Next Action Step:		



## **Goal and Next Step Notes:**

Don't Forget: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step", and "The only way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time." YOU CAN DO IT!