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### Planning for 2015: Sharpen Your Saw

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As 2014 comes to a close, I'm reminded of the story [The Lumberjack](#).

*And as each day passed, despite putting all he had into his work, the lumberjack managed to cut down fewer and fewer trees.*

*"I must be losing my strength," he thought to himself, and decided to approach his employer to apologize and express his inability to understand what was happening to him.*

*"When was the last time you sharpened the blade of your ax?" his boss asked.*

*"Sharpen?" replied the lumberjack. "I didn't have the time to stop to sharpen my blade; I was too busy chopping down trees."*

Essentially, sharpening your saw is renewing your skills. Personally, I ask myself: What am I doing to support my own professional growth? Sometimes, we need to slow down in order to sharpen our skills. Take time for skill development. Even if you are completely content where you are, it is still a good time to explore ways to improve.

I leave you with a question, When was the last time you sharpened your saw?

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

*"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe." - Abraham Lincoln*

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**Please note:** I want to direct you to a blog that our firm started the first of 2014 - [www.reinventingrecruiting.com](http://www.reinventingrecruiting.com). It deals with a multitude of topics and I encourage you to follow it and make comments or ask questions. All are welcome.

To sign up / follow the blog, go to [www.reinventingrecruiting.com](http://www.reinventingrecruiting.com) and look to the lower right hand corner where you will see a tab "follow" - click on it and sign up. I hope you find the blog helpful and insightful and please give us feedback on topics you'd like our experts to discuss.

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