



mo·tive

['mōdiv] 

NOUN

1. a reason for doing something, especially one that is hidden or not obvious.

"a motive for his murder"

synonyms: [reason](#) · [\[more\]](#)

2. (in art, literature, or music) a motif.

"the entire work grows organically from the opening horn motive"

synonyms: [motif](#) · [\[more\]](#)


ADJECTIVE

1. producing physical or mechanical motion.

"the charge of gas is the motive force for every piston stroke"

synonyms: [kinetic](#) · [\[more\]](#)

mo·ti·vate

['mōdə,vāt] 

VERB

provide (someone) with a motive for doing something.

"he was primarily motivated by the desire for profit"

synonyms: [prompt](#) · [drive](#) · [move](#)
· [inspire](#) · [\[more\]](#)

- stimulate (someone's) interest in or enthusiasm for doing something.

"I'm going to motivate kids to study civics"

synonyms: [inspire](#) · [stimulate](#)
· [encourage](#) · [\[more\]](#)



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mo·ti·va·tion

[,mōdə'vāSH(ə)n] 

NOUN

the reason or reasons one has for acting or behaving in a particular way.

"escape can be a strong motivation for travel"

synonyms: [motive](#) · motivating
force · [incentive](#) ·
[\[more\]](#)

- the general desire or willingness of someone to do something.

"keep staff up to date and maintain interest and motivation"

synonyms: [enthusiasm](#) · [drive](#)
· [ambition](#) · [\[more\]](#)

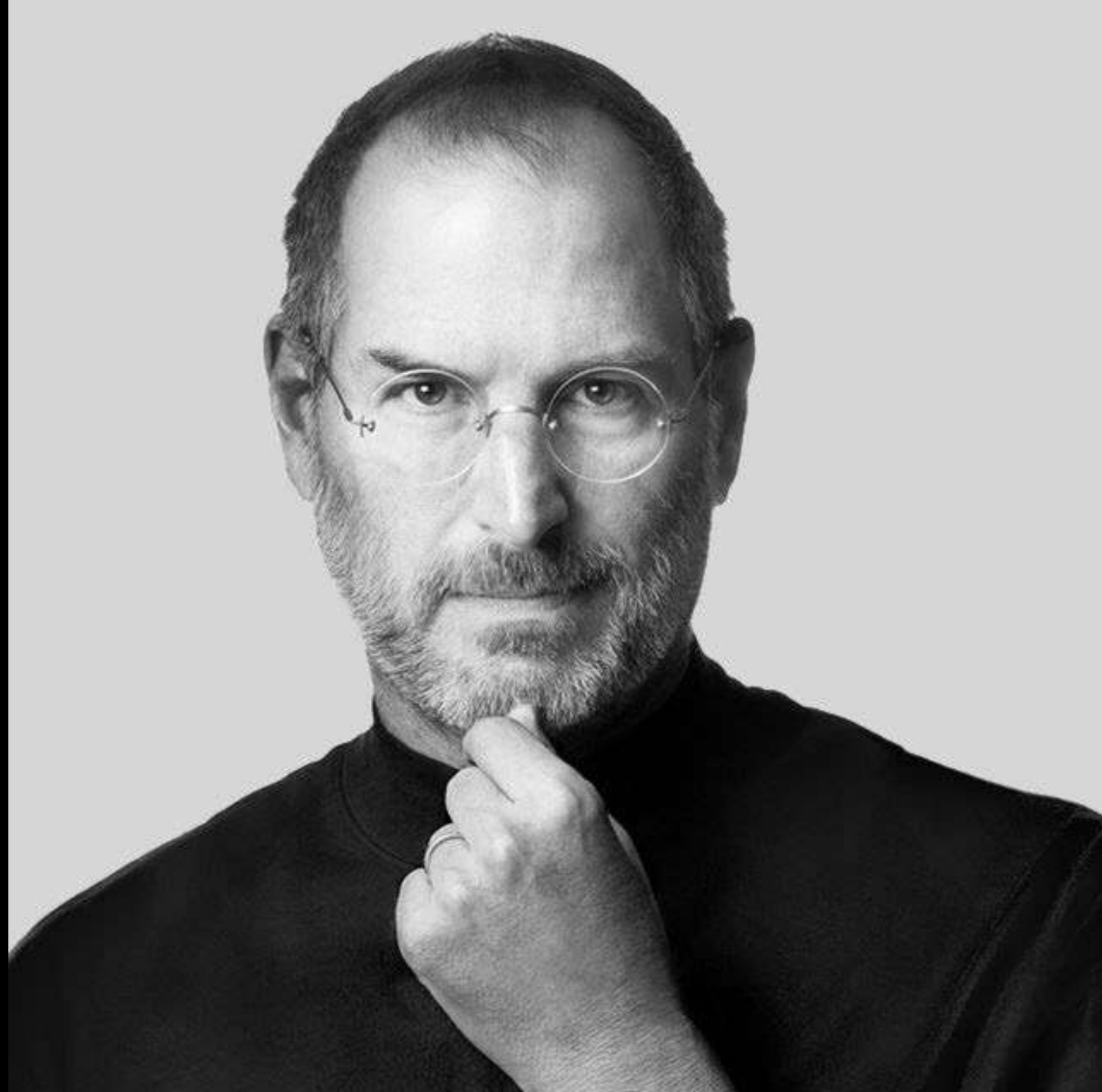


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Motivation Is When Your Dreams
Put On Work Clothes

-Benjamin Franklin





Management is about persuading people to do things they do not want to do, while leadership is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could.

— *Steve Jobs* —

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