

How To Simplify Your Business: Remove Repetitive Work Before Adding More Tools

How to find hidden work, simplify everyday business processes and create more capacity without adding unnecessary complexity

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Introduction

In the guide, **Why Your Business Feels Harder To Run Than It Should**, we explored how unnecessary work and complexity can gradually build up in a business.

The problem usually isn't one major mistake.

It's the accumulation of small tasks, processes, systems and responsibilities that once made sense but continue long after the business has changed.

This guide focuses on what to do about it.

If you've ever searched for a document you know you've already created...

Answered the same customer question for the tenth time...

Copied information between different systems...

Or reached the end of the day wondering where your time actually went...

You've probably encountered **hidden work**.

Hidden work is the repetitive, time-consuming or unnecessarily complicated work that becomes part of the normal way your business operates.

Each individual task may seem small.

But repeated often enough, those tasks can consume hours, interrupt your concentration and take attention away from higher-value work.

The answer isn't to remove everything that takes time.

Some work is valuable.

Some repetition creates consistency.

Some processes genuinely improve the customer experience.

Instead, look for ways to remove or reduce the **work around the work that matters**.

That's the foundation of the **Work Lighter approach**.

The starting point is simple:

Before adding another tool, ask whether the work itself needs to change.

From Understanding The Problem To Improving The Business

Once you can see where unnecessary work exists, the next question is what to do about it.

When something feels slow, repetitive or frustrating, the natural reaction is often to look for a way to speed it up.

A new app.

A new system.

A new automation.

A new AI tool.

Sometimes that's the right answer.

But **sometimes the better place to start is with the work itself.**

Imagine you spend two hours every month preparing a report that nobody reads.

Automation might reduce the preparation time to thirty minutes.

But removing the report altogether could save the entire two hours.

Or imagine your customer enquiry process involves copying the same information into three different systems.

Automation could make those steps faster.

But simplifying the process might remove some of those steps completely.

That's the distinction this guide focuses on:

Efficiency asks how existing work can be done better.

Simplification asks whether all of that work needs to exist in the first place.

Before looking for technology, look at the work.

Ask:

- What outcome am I actually trying to improve?
- Where is extra time or effort being created?
- Which steps genuinely add value?
- What would the simplest version of this process look like?

Sometimes the answer will be technology.

Sometimes it will be a simpler process.

Sometimes it will be clearer information, a template or a checklist.

And sometimes the best solution will be removing the task altogether.

The right solution depends on understanding the work first.

Start By Reviewing Where Your Time Goes

Before changing your systems or introducing new technology, first understand where your time is actually going.

You don't need to analyse every minute of your working week.

Instead, look for patterns.

Ask yourself:

- Which tasks do I repeat most often?
- Which activities take longer than they should?
- Where do I regularly search for information?
- Which tasks interrupt my focus?
- Which work genuinely needs my experience and judgement?
- Which work could be made easier to repeat?
- Where am I regularly copying, recreating, remembering or explaining something?

Pay particular attention to work that makes you think:

“There must be an easier way to do this.”

That feeling is useful information.

Don't dismiss it simply because you've become accustomed to the process.

You aren't trying to fix everything yet.

You're trying to understand where the effort is going.

You can't make a process simpler until you understand what is making it complicated.

Find Your Hidden Work

Hidden work rarely looks like one obvious problem.

It usually appears as lots of small activities that have quietly become part of the normal way your business operates.

It might be:

- Recreating a document you've created before.
- Looking for information you know already exists.
- Entering the same information into multiple systems.
- Chasing customers for details that could have been collected earlier.
- Rewriting the same email again and again.
- Completing manual tasks that follow the same process every time.
- Switching between different systems to complete one simple activity.
- Repeating work because there is no clear process to follow.

None of these tasks necessarily seems significant on its own.

That's why they often go unnoticed.

But repeated over time, they can consume hours of your week.

They also consume something just as valuable as time — **your attention**.

Every time you stop to search, remember, recreate or repeat something, you take focus away from work where your experience and expertise can create greater value.

Hidden work often remains because it has become accepted as **“just part of the job.”**

You do it because:

- It's how things have always been done.
- Changing the process feels harder than continuing with it.
- The task doesn't seem important enough to fix.
- There has never been enough time to review it.
- Nobody has stopped to question whether it is still necessary.

But accepted doesn't always mean necessary.

And repetitive doesn't automatically mean something should be automated.

The first step towards simplifying your business is making hidden work visible.

A Simple Exercise To Find Hidden Work

You don't need specialist software or a consultant to start.

Set aside around thirty minutes and review a typical week.

As you go through your tasks, group them into four areas.

1. Tasks You Repeat

Look for work that happens regularly, such as:

- Customer emails
- Preparing quotes or proposals
- Creating content
- Following up enquiries
- Administration
- Scheduling appointments
- Updating records
- Preparing recurring documents

Ask:

“How often am I doing essentially the same thing?”

Repeated work isn't automatically a problem.

Some repetition is necessary and valuable.

You're looking for repetition that could be made easier, faster or less dependent on your personal attention.

2. Tasks That Feel Harder Than They Should

Look for work that regularly makes you think:

“Surely there's an easier way to do this.”

Examples might include:

- Finding documents
- Preparing reports
- Managing customer enquiries
- Moving information between systems
- Chasing missing information
- Completing multi-step administrative processes

That feeling is a useful signal.

It doesn't necessarily mean the task should be removed.

It means the way you're doing it deserves a closer look.

3. Work That Depends On You Remembering Things

Notice how often you're trying to remember:

- Where something is stored
- What happens next
- Which version is the latest
- Who still needs a response
- Which step comes after this one
- How you completed something last time

When important work depends heavily on memory, there may be an opportunity to create a simpler way of working.

A checklist, template, central information source or documented process can reduce some of that mental load.

4. Work That Doesn't Require Your Direct Involvement

Look for work that doesn't require your experience, judgement or personal attention every time.

Examples include:

- Formatting documents
- Creating first drafts
- Organising information
- Preparing meeting notes
- Updating records
- Completing routine follow-ups
- Sending standard information
- Repeating basic administrative steps

This doesn't automatically mean these tasks should be automated.

First ask whether they can be removed or simplified.

Then consider whether they could be systemised.

Only after that should you consider whether technology or AI could support the process.

The purpose of this exercise isn't to create another to-do list.

It's to **make hidden work visible**.

Once you can see where the effort is going, you can start making better decisions about what deserves your time, what can be removed, what can be simplified and where additional support might genuinely help.

Simplification Begins Before Technology

Technology has never been more accessible to small businesses.

AI can help create content.

Automation can reduce repetitive tasks.

Software can organise information, manage customers and improve communication.

These tools can be incredibly valuable.

But they work best when they are helping with a process that already works well.

One of the most common mistakes businesses make is trying to automate work before asking whether that work could be simplified first.

Consider a simple example.

A business owner spends two hours each month preparing a detailed report.

The first thought is:

“How can I automate this?”

But before asking that, ask:

“Who actually uses this report?”

If nobody relies on it, the best improvement may be to stop producing it.

If customers need the information but don't need the full report, perhaps a shorter summary is better.

If the report is genuinely valuable and needs to be produced regularly, then automation may be the best option.

The important thing is to understand the work first.

Before introducing another tool, ask:

- What outcome am I actually trying to improve?
- Where is extra time or effort being created?
- Which steps genuinely add value?
- What would the simplest version of this process look like?

Technology is most useful when it supports a simpler way of working.

That is where the **Work Lighter Framework** begins.

The Work Lighter Framework

The framework gives you a simple sequence for deciding what should happen to the work you've identified.

Before adding anything new, ask four questions.

Remove

Does this work still need to happen?

Simplify

Could this be easier?

Systemise

Could this become easier to repeat?

Support

Could technology or AI genuinely improve or support the process?

The order matters.

Start with the work. Then decide what support, if any, is needed.

Remove → Simplify → Systemise → Support

The framework isn't another system you need to manage.

It's a way of making better decisions about the work that already exists.

Remove: Eliminate Work That No Longer Adds Value

The first question is often the one businesses ask the least:

“Do we actually need to do this?”

Many tasks continue simply because they have always been part of the business.

They may have made sense when they were introduced.

But businesses change.

Customers change.

Services change.

Technology changes.

The way you work changes.

Something that was useful two years ago may now be taking up time without creating enough value.

Look for activities such as:

- Reports that nobody uses
- Steps created for situations that no longer exist
- Regular tasks completed purely out of habit
- Information collected that is never used
- Processes that continue because **“that's how we've always done it”**

Ask:

- Does this create value?
- Does anyone rely on it?
- What would happen if we stopped doing it?
- Is there a simpler way to achieve the same outcome?

Removing work that no longer serves a purpose can be one of the quickest ways to create capacity.

Example: Remove Before Automating

Imagine a consultant spends around two hours each month preparing a detailed client report.

Their first thought is:

“Can I automate this?”

Before looking for a tool, they ask:

“Who actually uses this report?”

They discover that most clients rarely read it.

The information is useful, but the format and frequency no longer fit what clients actually need.

Instead of automating the report, they replace it with a shorter summary containing the information clients actually need.

The result is:

- Less preparation time
- Clearer customer communication
- More time available for higher-value work

The improvement didn't come from better technology.

It came from questioning whether the original process was still the best way to do the work.

Sometimes the best way to save time is not to automate a task, but to stop doing it.

Simplify: Make Essential Work Easier

Not everything can be removed.

Some work is important and needs to continue.

The opportunity is to make that work easier.

Over time, even simple processes can become complicated.

A new customer request gets added.

Another approval step appears.

A new system is introduced.

Someone creates a workaround.

Eventually, a process that once took three steps may take ten.

The complexity wasn't necessarily intentional.

It accumulated gradually.

For example:

Customer enquiry arrives

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Copy information into spreadsheet

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Enter details into another system

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Send manual email

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Update another record

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Create follow-up reminder

Every individual step may seem reasonable.

Together, they create a process that takes more time and attention than it needs to.

Ask:

- Are we entering the same information more than once?
- Are there steps that no longer add value?
- Could customers provide information earlier?
- Could this process be shorter?
- If we created this process today, would we design it this way?

Sometimes simplification comes from better information.

Sometimes it comes from removing duplication.

Sometimes it means changing the order of the steps.

And sometimes the simplest improvement is asking whether a step needs to exist at all.

A simpler process does **not** mean lowering standards.

It means removing unnecessary steps and effort so good work is easier to deliver consistently.

The goal isn't to do less of what matters. It's to make it easier to do well.

Systemise: Make Good Work Easier To Repeat

Once unnecessary work has been removed and essential work has been simplified, the next step is making valuable work easier to repeat.

Many small businesses rely heavily on memory.

Remembering:

- How something is done
- Where information is stored
- What happens next
- Which steps need to be completed
- Which version of a document to use

This may work when the business is small.

As responsibilities increase, however, relying on memory becomes increasingly tiring.

Simple systems can create consistency without creating unnecessary bureaucracy.

They might include:

- Templates
- Checklists
- Customer response examples
- Document structures
- Repeatable workflows
- Simple process guides

A system should make work easier, not create another layer of administration.

For example:

- If you regularly prepare proposals, a reusable structure can remove the need to decide where to start each time.
- If you repeatedly answer the same customer questions, response templates can reduce the effort involved without making communication feel impersonal.
- If a process involves several steps, a simple checklist can reduce the mental effort of remembering what comes next.

The aim isn't to document everything.

It's to make work you do regularly easier to repeat without having to rethink it every time.

That frees your attention for the areas where your experience, judgement and expertise make the biggest difference.

Support: Use Technology Where It Creates Genuine Value

Technology and AI can be incredibly useful.

But they are most effective when they support a process that has already been understood and, where possible, simplified.

Before adding technology, ask:

- What problem am I actually trying to solve?
- Which part of this work still takes too much time?
- What requires my judgement and experience?
- Where would support genuinely make things easier?

Don't start with:

“What can this tool do?”

Start with:

“Would this make the work easier?”

That difference matters.

A tool that creates more notifications, more steps or another system to maintain has not necessarily simplified your business.

It may simply have added another responsibility.

Technology should give you leverage, not another layer of complexity.

For example, AI might help you:

- Create a first draft
- Organise information
- Summarise material
- Generate ideas
- Turn existing knowledge into a starting point
- Support routine communication

But you still bring the judgement that determines what is accurate, useful and appropriate for your customers.

Technology can support the work around your expertise. It doesn't automatically create the expertise itself.

The Framework Is About Better Decisions, Not More Systems

The **Work Lighter Framework** is not another process you need to manage.

It is a way of thinking about the work already happening in your business.

The framework starts with four simple questions:

- **Does this need to exist?**
- **Could this be easier?**
- **Could this become easier to repeat?**
- **Would technology genuinely help?**

They help you look at the work before looking for another solution.

Sometimes the best answer is to remove something.

Sometimes it is to simplify the process.

Sometimes a simple template or checklist is enough.

And sometimes technology or AI can provide valuable support.

What matters is choosing **the simplest solution that genuinely improves the way the business works.**

A lighter business isn't created by collecting more systems.

It comes from making better decisions about what deserves your time, attention and energy.

Put The Work Lighter Framework Into Practice

You don't need to review every part of your business at once.

Start with one area that repeatedly consumes your time.

Look for work that:

- Happens frequently
- Feels frustrating
- Takes longer than it should
- Interrupts more important activities
- Doesn't require your highest-value thinking

Then choose one process and work through the framework.

Remove.

Simplify.

Systemise.

Support.

Example: Customer Enquiries

Imagine a business owner spends hours each week answering the same customer questions.

Instead of immediately adding an AI chatbot, they work through the framework.

Remove: Are customers asking because important information is difficult to find?

Simplify: Can the answers be made clearer on the website or in a customer guide?

Systemise: Can common responses become reusable templates?

Support: Could technology help manage the enquiries that remain?

Example: Proposals

A consultant spends too much time creating proposals.

They review the process:

Remove: Are there sections that are no longer needed?

Simplify: Can the structure be made easier to complete?

Systemise: Can templates and examples reduce the need to start from scratch?

Support: Could AI help create a first draft?

Notice what happens in both examples.

Technology hasn't been ignored.

It has simply been considered at the right point in the process.

The difference is that the work is improved first, and technology is then used where it can make that work easier.

Small improvements can add up over time.

One easier process means less time spent keeping the business running.

Several easier processes can change how the business feels to run every day.

That is what working lighter looks like in practice.

Choosing Technology That Supports A Lighter Business

Once you've simplified your processes, choosing technology becomes much easier.

Instead of searching for tools because they're popular, recommended or promising to save time, evaluate them against what your business actually needs.

The question changes from:

“What technology should I add?”

to:

“Where would technology genuinely make my work easier?”

Good technology decisions begin with understanding:

- Which tasks are repeated regularly
- Where time is being lost
- Which activities require your expertise and judgement
- Which repetitive tasks could be supported without reducing quality

Technology should support your expertise.

It should reduce repetitive work, unnecessary administration and extra steps, giving you more capacity for valuable work.

It should not replace the knowledge, judgement and experience that make your business valuable.

Use Technology To Support What You Do Best

Not every task needs automation.

Not every process needs another system.

Not every problem needs AI.

The most useful technology removes repetitive work around your expertise, giving you more time for the work only you can do.

For example, a consultant might use AI to help prepare a first draft of a proposal.

But the value still comes from:

- Understanding the customer's situation

- Providing the right advice
- Applying experience and judgement
- Creating the right solution

A service business might automate appointment reminders.

But trust is still built through:

- Good communication
- Quality service
- Understanding customer needs
- Personal interaction

A business owner might use AI to help create content.

But the value still comes from:

- Their experience
- Their ideas
- Their perspective
- Their understanding of their customers

Technology can help with the routine work that supports your expertise. It doesn't replace the knowledge, judgement or experience that makes your business valuable.

Used well, it can reduce the routine work around your expertise, giving you more capacity for the work only you can do.

Start Small And Improve What Matters Most

One of the biggest mistakes businesses make when trying to improve is attempting to change everything at once.

A business owner discovers a new AI tool and suddenly starts planning:

- A complete content system
- Automated customer journeys
- Multiple new platforms
- New workflows
- A complete business transformation

The intention is good.

But trying to simplify everything at once can create the exact problem you're trying to solve — **more complexity**.

A better approach is to start with one area.

Look for work that:

- Happens frequently
- Takes longer than it should
- Feels repetitive
- Doesn't require your highest-value thinking

Then ask:

“Could this be easier?”

If the answer is yes, test one improvement.

Keep what works.

Change or remove what doesn't.

You don't need to commit to a major transformation before you know whether an improvement will actually help.

Once one process becomes easier, look for the next opportunity.

Over time, these improvements can create a business that is noticeably easier to manage without requiring a complete overhaul.

Build A Simpler Business, Not A More Automated One

Technology is powerful.

AI is powerful.

Automation is powerful.

But using them isn't the goal. The goal is to make the business easier to run.

What matters is whether the business becomes easier to run.

A business that is working well should give you more capacity to:

- Focus on valuable work
- Deliver better customer experiences
- Use your skills where they matter most
- Make better decisions
- Develop new ideas
- Build sustainable growth

Success isn't about how many tasks you automate. It's about whether the business is actually easier to run as a result.

Are you spending less time on work that doesn't need as much of your attention?

Do important processes require less effort?

Do you have more time for customers and higher-value activities?

Is there less information to manage, remember and maintain?

A lighter business isn't one with the most systems. It's one where the systems, tools and processes you use genuinely make the business easier to run

Practical Next Steps

Simplifying your business isn't a one-time project.

It's an ongoing habit of reviewing how work gets done and asking:

“Is there a simpler way?”

You don't need to redesign your entire business.

Start with one recurring task.

One process.

One area that regularly consumes your time.

Then work through the **Work Lighter Framework**.

Remove

Does this still need to exist?

Could it be eliminated completely?

Simplify

Could this be completed with fewer steps?

Where is duplication or unnecessary work being created?

Systemise

Could this become easier to repeat?

Would a template, checklist or process guide reduce the mental effort involved?

Support

Could technology or AI make the process easier, reduce manual work or save time?

The sequence matters.

Don't start by asking which tool you should buy.

Start by understanding the work.

Remove what no longer needs to happen.

Simplify what remains.

Create simple systems for valuable work that needs to be repeated.

Then consider whether technology or AI can make the process easier or reduce the amount of manual work involved.

The right technology should make the business easier to run, not create another thing you have to remember, manage and maintain.

Build A Business That Gives You More Capacity

Simplifying your business isn't about lowering your ambitions.

It's about creating more capacity to achieve them.

More capacity to:

- Spend more time with customers
- Develop better ideas
- Improve your services
- Make better decisions
- Create sustainable growth
- Enjoy the business you've built

Most people don't start a business because they enjoy managing administration, updating systems or repeating the same tasks every week.

They start because they want to use their skills, solve meaningful problems and create something valuable.

But without regular review, every business naturally becomes more complicated.

New customers create new responsibilities.

New services create new processes.

New marketing activities create more work.

New tools create new things to manage.

Growth is valuable.

But growth without simplification can slowly turn a business into something that requires far more effort to operate than expected.

This is why working lighter isn't about doing less for the sake of doing less.

It's about making better decisions about where your time, energy and expertise should go.

Before adding another tool, process or responsibility, pause and ask:

- **Does this need to exist?**
- **Could this be easier?**
- **Could this become easier to repeat?**
- **Would technology genuinely help?**

These questions can help you build a business that supports you rather than constantly demanding more from you.

Why Small Improvements Create Big Change

Many business owners ignore small inefficiencies because each one seems insignificant.

Five minutes saved here.

Ten minutes saved there.

One less repeated task.

One clearer process.

One reusable template.

One piece of information that becomes easier to find.

On their own, these changes may not seem important.

But businesses are built from hundreds of small activities repeated over time.

Small improvements compound.

Removing one unnecessary task creates a little more capacity.

Simplifying one process creates a little more space.

Systemising one recurring activity reduces the effort required next time.

Making information easier to find saves time every time you need it.

Using technology for the right task can reduce repetitive work without removing the human expertise behind it.

Over time, those small changes can transform how the business feels to run.

That's how lighter businesses are built.

Not through one dramatic transformation, but through consistent decisions to remove unnecessary work and make valuable work easier.

Continue Exploring The Work Lighter Approach

Simplifying your business is easier when you understand both **why unnecessary work builds up** and **how to change it**.

If you haven't read the previous guide, **Why Your Business Feels Harder To Run Than It Should**, start there for the broader explanation of how hidden work, accumulated processes, scattered systems and changing business needs can make a business harder to run over time.

This guide then takes the next step by showing you how to review that work and decide what to do with it.

You can also explore the other guides in the **Work Lighter Series**:

Why More Tools Aren't Always The Answer: How Technology Can Create More Work

Explore why adding software doesn't automatically simplify a business and how to decide whether technology is actually solving the right problem.

Why Being More Productive Isn't Making Your Business Easier To Manage

Discover why better productivity habits can't always solve an overloaded business and why changing the work itself can have a greater impact than simply trying to get more done.

50 Practical Ways Small Businesses Can Use AI To Save Time And Reduce Repetitive Work

Explore practical ways AI can support everyday business activities while keeping your knowledge, experience and judgement at the centre of your business.

Together, these guides approach the same challenge from different angles:

Why More Tools Aren't Always The Answer: How Technology Can Create More Work explains why the problem develops.

How To Simplify Your Business: Remove Repetitive Work Before Adding More Tools shows you how to simplify the work.

The later guides explore where technology, productivity and AI fit into that bigger picture.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I simplify my small business?

Start by looking at the work rather than the technology.

Identify tasks and processes that are repetitive, time-consuming, difficult to manage or no longer seem necessary.

Then work through four questions:

- **What can I remove?**
- **What can I simplify?**
- **What can I systemise?**
- **What could be supported by technology or AI?**

You don't need to change everything at once.

Start with one recurring area where a small improvement could create more capacity.

How do I identify repetitive work in my business?

Look for tasks that happen frequently or follow a similar pattern each time.

Common examples include:

- Answering the same customer questions
- Writing similar emails
- Preparing recurring documents
- Creating proposals
- Entering information into multiple systems
- Searching for documents or information
- Preparing regular reports
- Following up customers or enquiries

Pay particular attention to work that makes you think:

“There must be an easier way to do this.”

That is often a useful signal that the process deserves closer attention.

Should I automate repetitive tasks in my business?

Sometimes — but automation should usually come **after** you understand the process.

If a task is genuinely necessary, happens regularly and follows a reasonably consistent process, automation may be worth considering.

But automating a complicated or unnecessary process can simply make the wrong process happen faster.

A better way to approach it is:

Remove → Simplify → Systemise → Support

Then consider whether automation or AI could improve the process.

Do I need more software to make my business easier to manage?

Not necessarily.

Adding another tool can sometimes make a business more complicated rather than less.

Before choosing software, ask:

“What problem am I actually trying to solve?”

Then ask:

“Can the problem be solved by removing a task, simplifying the process or organising existing information more effectively?”

If technology is genuinely the best solution, choose something that solves the specific problem without creating unnecessary maintenance or complexity.

The goal isn't to have more business tools.

The goal is to have a simpler way of working.

Can AI help simplify my business?

Yes.

AI can be particularly useful when it supports a clear business need rather than being added simply because it's available.

AI can help with tasks such as:

- Creating first drafts
- Summarising information
- Organising ideas
- Creating templates and checklists
- Turning existing knowledge into starting points
- Supporting routine communication
- Organising and reviewing information

However, AI shouldn't automatically be the first solution.

First understand the work.

Then ask whether the process could be simpler.

Then consider where AI could make the work easier, reduce manual effort or save time.

Your experience, judgement and understanding of your customers remain important, particularly when reviewing AI-generated work.

What Is The Work Lighter Framework?

The **Work Lighter Framework** is a way of improving how a business operates by looking at the work before adding more tools, systems or technology.

It follows four steps:

Remove → Simplify → Systemise → Support

The aim is to reduce work that no longer needs to happen, make valuable work easier to manage, make recurring work easier to repeat, and use technology or AI where it can genuinely help.

What should I simplify first?

Start with work that feels harder than it should, rather than trying to review everything.

Look for processes that:

- Happen frequently
- Take significant time
- Interrupt your concentration
- Cause frustration
- Require repeated manual effort
- Involve copying information between places
- Create delays for customers
- Make you think, “**There must be an easier way to do this.**”

A useful starting point is to choose **one high-frequency, low-complexity task** and improve it.

Small improvements can compound over time.

Work Lighter Tip

You don't need to fix everything at once.

If your business feels harder to manage than it should, start with **one recurring task that takes more time or effort than it should.**

Don't immediately try to automate it.

Find it.

Question it.

Understand why it exists.

Simplify it where you can.

Then decide whether a template, system, technology or AI could make it easier to handle.

The goal isn't to get better at managing a complicated process. It's to make the process simpler in the first place.

The Goal Is A Business That Works Better For You

The reason many people start a business is freedom.

Freedom to choose their work.

Freedom to use their skills.

Freedom to create something meaningful.

Freedom to build a business around the life they want.

But that freedom can gradually disappear when unnecessary work accumulates.

The answer isn't always working harder.

It isn't always becoming more productive.

And it isn't always adding another tool.

Sometimes the biggest improvement comes from asking a simpler question:

“Does this work still deserve my time?”

If it does, ask whether it could be easier.

If you repeat it, ask whether there is a simpler way to do it each time.

And if technology could genuinely improve the process, consider whether it can provide useful support.

Remove what no longer creates enough value.

Simplify the work that remains.

Systemise valuable work that needs to be repeated.

Support the work where technology, automation or AI genuinely helps.

Create more space for the work that matters.

Because building a successful business shouldn't mean continually adding more work for yourself.

It should mean creating more value without making the business harder to run.

That is what it means to **Work Lighter**.