

Cowork Inventory + Redlines

Five things to automate end to end. Five things you never will.

Now that you've shipped one Cowork workflow, you build the map. List the five categories of your work Cowork could genuinely run end to end — and, just as important, the five where it's the wrong tool: anything pastoral, anything irreversible, anything that has to carry your voice. Draw the boundary before you build, not after something goes wrong.

THE ACTION

- Read the Cowork docs enough to know what it can actually do.
- List five categories of YOUR work it could automate end to end.
- List five where Cowork is the wrong tool — pastoral, irreversible, voice-critical, relationship-critical.
- Make the boundary explicit and write it down. This is the operator's half of your Redlines.

THE BOUNDARY IS THE POINT

The men who get burned by agentic AI are the ones who never decided what it shouldn't touch. Drawing the line is not fear of the tool — it's command of it.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 22:3 — "A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished." Foreseeing where a tool shouldn't go is prudence, not paranoia.