Website PREP Checklist

Tasks you can do in minutes to get the ball rolling.

1. CHOOSE A FITTING BRAND ARCHETYPE Instead of a soulless mish-mash of images, colors, and blurbs, this step will keep it all consistent and bring your website to life. ACTION: See these 12 brand types, and choose one.
2. OUTLINE YOUR BEST CLIENT Make a list of 10 past clients. Who was the best? Why? Identify 5-7 distinct factors about this person. Broad messages are weak and specific ones powerful. ACTION: Outline the best.
3. GET A GREAT HERO IMAGE This action shot — on stage, with a client, at your office — screams pro. ACTION: Ask for a referral to a photographer or text a friend with a good camera eye to set a time.
4. SKETCH OUT A SITE MAP In 10 minutes, sketch out a map of your website with boxes, arrows, and notes explaining the pages, functionality, visuals, and everything. <i>ACTION: Draw it! One page will do.</i>
5. CHOOSE YOUR PRIMARY CALL TO ACTION What single action do you want people to take at your site? Text you, send an email, fill out a form, subscribe to your list, book a call, or? <i>ACTION: Decide on one.</i>
6. CHOOSE A "DEADLY" DEADLINE Who would you be afraid to disappoint if you failed to launch your website? You need to tell that person. ACTION: Figure out your launch date, then message that person.
7. TELL YOUR STORY Draft 5-7 dramatic pivotal moments in life that lead you to become a coach. Why were they monumental? ACTION: Unload ideas until you go past one full page.
8. START GETTING TESTIMONIALS Who have you helped in a big way, as a coach or similar manner? Who — associates, colleagues, clients, students, biz partners, teachers, mentors — from the past can you ask? ACTION: Text or email three people to chat.
9. DEFINE YOUR SECRET SAUCE What makes your coaching work so well? A tool, technique, or talent? Having a name to explain a part of what you do communicates value. ACTION: Think about it and name it.
10. WHEN DO YOU SERIOUSLY WANT 10 ONGOING CLIENTS Or is it 5, or 15, or perhaps a group program? In 6 months or perhaps 3? What client/income goal makes you feel a little uncomfortable but excited at the same time?