Blog Strategy Like Chess - Planning Worksheet

Step 1: Define Your Blog's Opening (Your Focus + Goal)

What is the main topic or niche of your blog?
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Who are you writing for (your audience)?
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What is the primary goal of your blog right now?
☐ Grow traffic
☐ Build an email list
☐ Sell products or services
☐ Establish authority
□ Other:
Step 2: Mid-Game Strategy (Content That Builds Momentum)
What type of content will support your strategy?
☐ Evergreen guides
□ Personal storytelling
\square How-tos or tutorials
□ Product reviews
☐ Behind-the-scenes posts
□ Interviews or collaborations
□ News or trend commentary
How often will you publish?
□ Weekly
☐ Biweekly
☐ Monthly
☐ Flexible / Based on inspiration

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What's your next 3 post ideas?
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Step 3: Endgame Vision (Long-Term Planning)
In 6 months, I want my blog to:
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In 1 year, I want my blog to:
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Long-term income plan (choose one or more):
☐ Affiliate marketing
☐ Digital products (eBooks, courses, templates)
☐ Services (consulting, coaching, freelance work)
□ Sponsorships
☐ Paid newsletters or memberships
□ Ads
□ Not focused on income
Step 4: Analyze and Improve (Learn From Each Game)
What posts are performing well right now?
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What posts didn't do well, and why?
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What can you improve in your content process?
□ Headlines
□ SEO optimization

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□ Visuals
□ Promotion strategy
□ Internal linking
☐ Calls to action
☐ Reader engagement
Final Notes
Write down any lessons, insights, or goals from today's planning session: