



# SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

7 STEPS FOR MASTERING A POSITIVE  
MINDSET SHIFT THAT WILL CHANGE  
YOUR LIFE

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*IN THIS E-BOOK, WE'LL COVER HOW TO CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE IN THE WAY WE VIEW OURSELVES, OTHERS, AND THE WORLD WE LIVE IN WITH OTHERS.*





# HEY, I'M HIKINA MICHELL

I love creating a safe and authentic atmosphere for people to be their authentic selves— I work with a transformative coaching practice that allow people to engage in life at a deeper level,.

I help open a doorway to encourage exploration of your limiting ego-based self-identity, and create an elevated shift into new and open way of living instead of just existing in this world.

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AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO CHANGE YOUR  
PERSPECTIVE.



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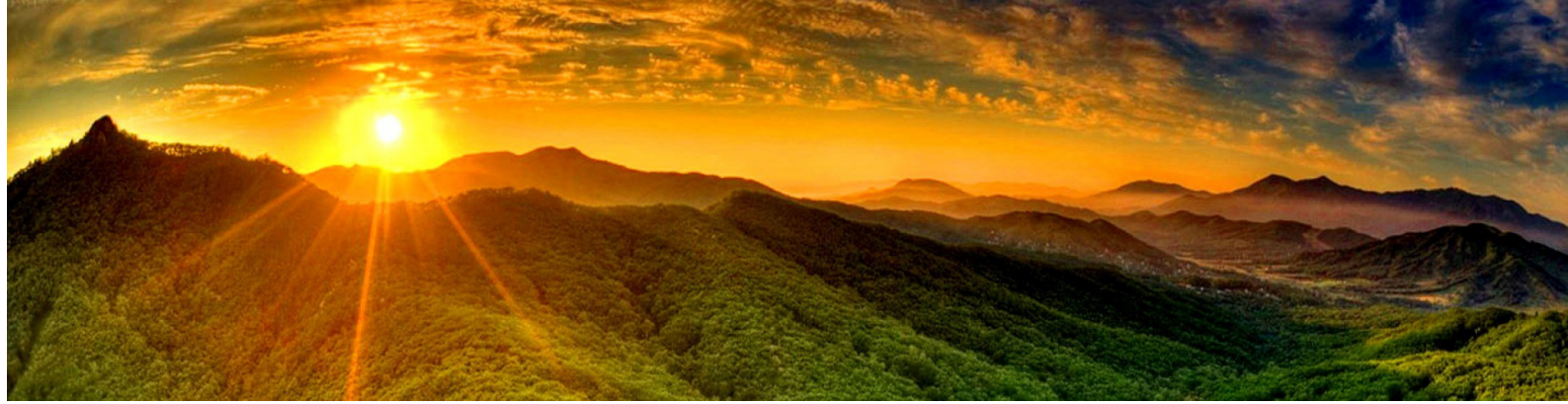
## AWARENESS AND SELF-REFLECTION

**Remember, developing awareness of negative thought patterns is an ongoing process. Be patient and compassionate with yourself as you navigate this journey of self-discovery.**

**With time and practice, you can become more attuned to your negative thinking patterns and take steps towards cultivating a more positive and empowering mindset.**

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## Developing awareness of yourself and the impact it has on your human connection

To become more self-aware, we should develop an understanding of ourselves in several key areas. Key areas for maturity in self-awareness include our personality traits, personal values, habits, emotions, and the psychological needs that drive our behaviors.

Self-awareness is our ability to observe and accurately identify our thoughts, feelings and impulses, and to be able to determine whether they are grounded in reality or not. It plays a crucial role in our human connection by promoting empathy, our authentic self, effective communication, healthy boundaries, as well as our personal growth.

As we grow in understanding ourselves on a more deeper level, we can foster meaningful connections with others, build stronger internal and external relationships, and create a more compassionate and interconnected world.

When you take the time to self-reflect it helps you recognize your triggers, patterns, and emotional responses in different situations. It is through self-reflection that we can better understand ourselves, grow as individuals, and navigate the complexities of life.

When you understand how you react to certain stimuli, you can consciously manage your responses and avoid unnecessary conflicts or misunderstandings.

When you have this skill of awareness it allows you to approach challenging situations with greater composure and find constructive ways to address conflicts within yourself and those around you.



## Developing awareness of yourself and the impact it has on your human connection

Subconsciously for humans the majority of our thoughts and actions are on autopilot, that's neither good or bad but it does form our habits. And our habits, our routines, impulses, and reactions are the things that carry us through the journey of our lives.

Unfortunately we sometimes forget we are on autopilot in our day to day lives, especially when we become distracted or unaware of our habits, reactions, routines, and our impulsive decisions in our daily routines

Thinking about who we are, our strengths and weaknesses, our drives, our personalities, our habits and our values on a day to day is generally the least important things on mind. The majority of people just aren't inclined to spend much time on self-reflection.

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**Being self-aware means being in tune with your emotions, feelings, state of mind, reactions, motives, and desires.**

Unfortunately for our growth when personal feedback is presented to us, we're not always open to it, and we sometimes have an innate response to reject it, considering honest feedback isn't always complimentary.

But understand that a person with high emotional self-awareness understands the internal journey connected with emotional experiences and, therefore, has greater control over them.

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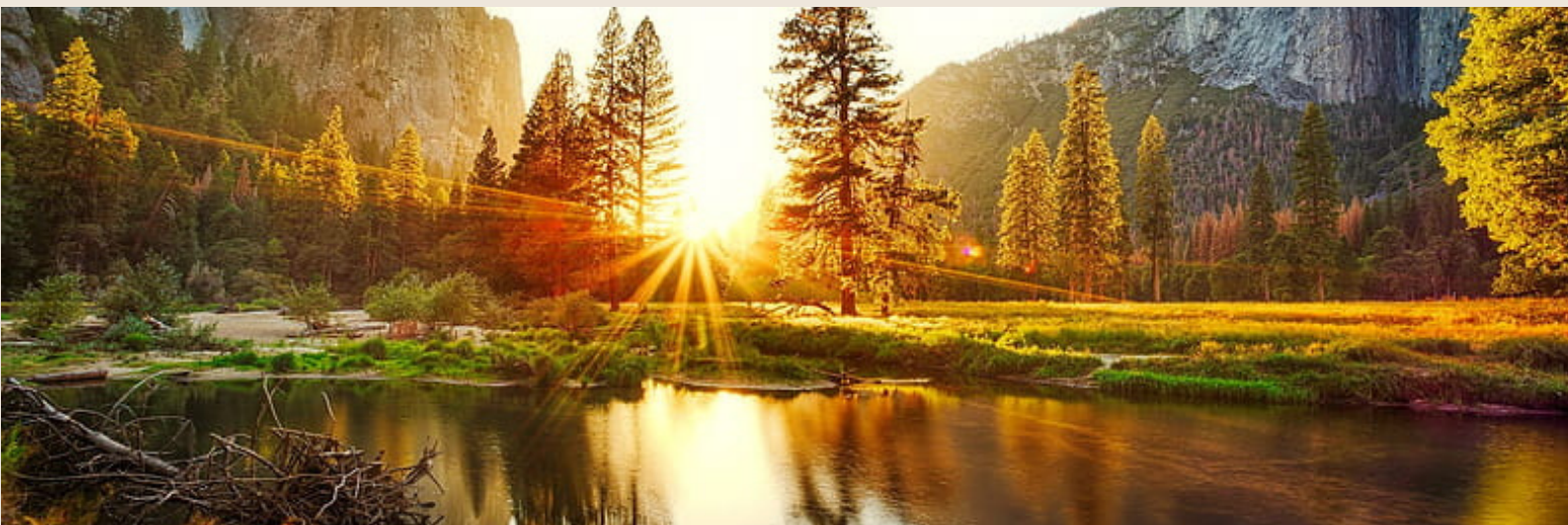
**Empathy and understanding** allows you to recognize and understand your own emotions, thoughts, and experiences, and when you have a deep understanding of your own inner world, you become better equipped to empathize with others and understand their perspectives. It forms the basis for meaningful connections and fosters understanding and compassion in relationships.

**Authenticity and vulnerability** are crucial for building genuine connections. When you have a clear understanding of your own values, beliefs, and emotions, you can express yourself authentically, allowing others to see the real you.

Therefore embracing vulnerability, you create an environment where others feel safe to do the same, fostering deeper and more meaningful connections.

**Communication and conflict resolution** enables you to effectively express yourself and listen to others. When you understand your own communication style, triggers, and biases, you can adapt your approach to better connect with yourself and others.

It brings about an awareness that helps you recognize when conflicts arise from your own insecurities or unresolved issues, allowing you to address them constructively and find resolution.





# Developing awareness of yourself and the impact it has on your human connection

**Building healthy boundaries** empowers you to establish and maintain healthy boundaries in relationships preventing resentment, burnout, and codependency.

When you understand your own needs, values, and limits, you can communicate them to others, promoting respect and understanding, therefore fostering healthier and more balanced connections.

**Growth and personal development:** Developing self-awareness is an ongoing process that involves reflecting on your behaviors, patterns, and impact on others.

By seeking feedback and being open to self-reflection, you can identify areas for growth and work on improving yourself. This continuous personal development not only benefits you but also positively influences your relationships, as it allows you to show up as a better version of yourself.





## Self-reflection is at the fundamental core of human and personal growth.

Self-reflection by definition is the process of examining one's thoughts, feelings, and actions in a thoughtful and introspective manner. It requires you to look inward and exploring one's values, beliefs, desires, and motivations.

Through self-reflection, you can gain a deeper understanding of yourselves, your aspirations, and the impact you have on your own lives and the lives of others.

The process of self reflection empowers you to learn from past experiences, make conscious choices, and continuously evolve, ultimately leading to personal growth and transformation.

Self-awareness is a fundamental aspect of self-reflection, it involves questioning one's beliefs and examining their origins, allowing individuals to gain a clearer understanding of their identity and purpose. It also refers to the conscious knowledge and understanding of yourself, including your strengths, weaknesses, values, and beliefs.

It is through self-reflection that you can better understand yourselves, grow as an individual, and navigate the complexities of life. Self-reflection is a fundamental aspect of human existence and personal growth.

Self-reflection provides an opportunity for individuals to delve deep into their core values, beliefs, and goals. When stimulated in introspection, you can identify what truly matters to you, what principles guide your lives, and what you aspire to achieve in your life's journey.

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## **SELF-AWARENESS:**

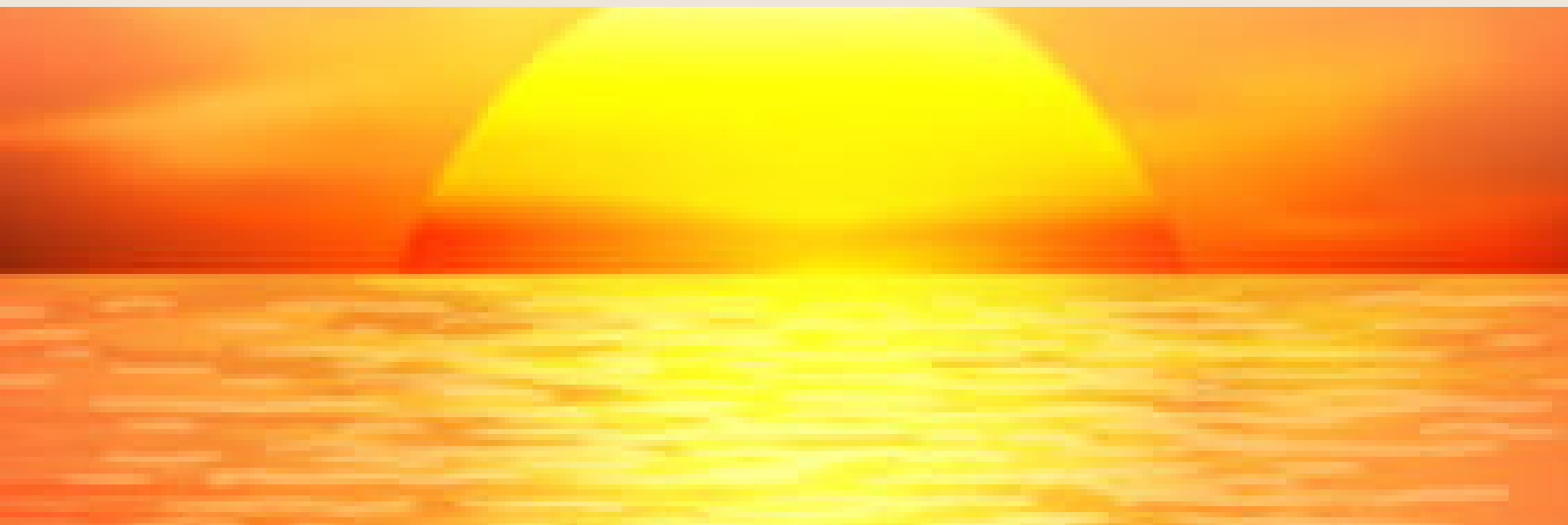
Self-reflection allows you to gain a deeper understanding of yourselves. It helps you recognize your strengths, weaknesses, values, beliefs, and desires. By becoming more self-aware, you can make conscious choices that align with your authentic self, leading to personal fulfillment and a sense of purpose.

## **PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Self-reflection enables personal growth by providing insights into your behavior and patterns. It allows you to identify areas for improvement, set goals, and make positive changes in your life. Through self-reflection, you can learn from your mistakes, develop new skills, and evolve as a person.

## **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE:**

Self-reflection enhances emotional intelligence, which refers to the ability to understand and manage your own emotions and empathize with others. By reflecting on your emotions and the underlying reasons behind them, you can develop better emotional self-regulation and improve your relationships with others.



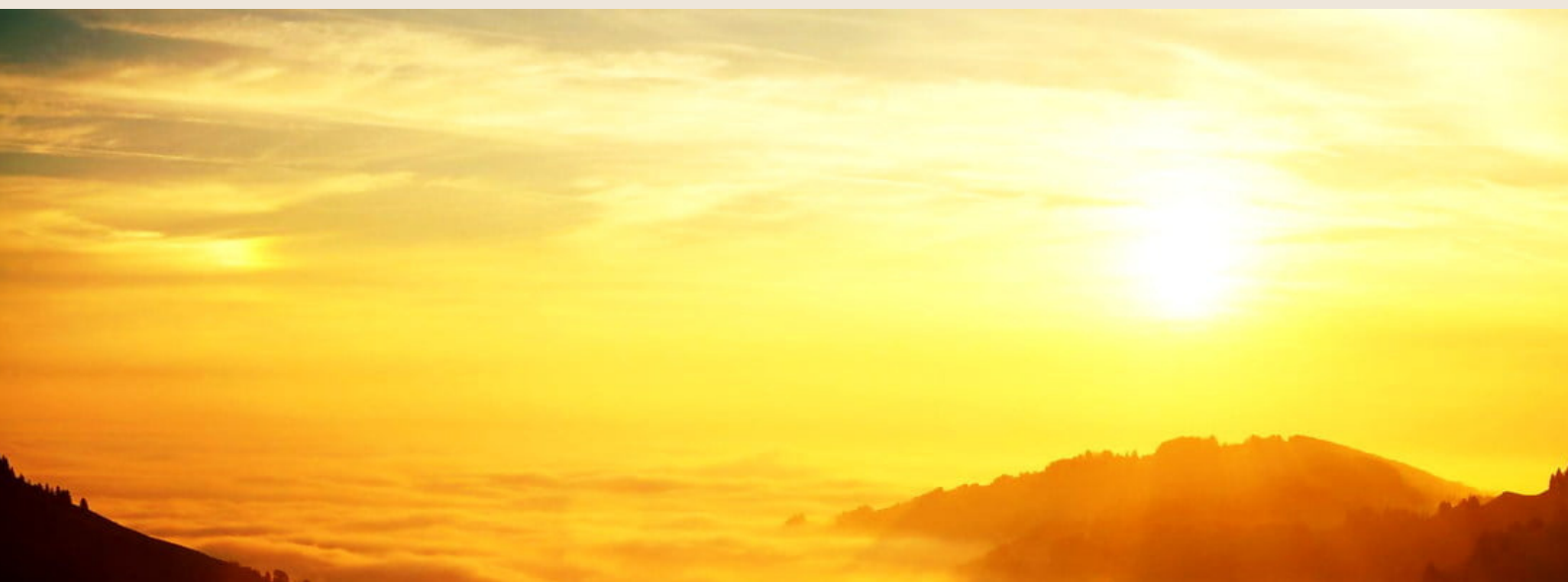
# Self-reflection is at the fundamental core of human and personal growth.

## **DECISION-MAKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING:**

Engaging in self-reflection helps you make better decisions and solve problems effectively. By examining your thoughts, values, and beliefs, you can gain clarity about your priorities and make choices that align with your long-term goals, it will allow you to consider different perspectives, anticipate consequences, and find creative solutions to challenges.

## **AUTHENTICITY AND MEANING:**

Self-reflecting helps you understand what truly matters to you, and what brings you joy, and what aligns with your values. By reflecting on your experiences and learning from them, you can make choices that lead to a life of authenticity, fulfillment, and purpose.



# YOUR NOTES:

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## FIRST IMPRESSION

### **Keep a Thought Journal:**

Start by keeping a journal to track your thoughts throughout the day.

Whenever you notice negative thoughts arising, write them down and be specific about the circumstances or triggers surrounding those thoughts.

### **Practice Mindfulness:**

Cultivate present-moment awareness and observe your thoughts without judgment.

Notice when negative thoughts arise and how they affect your emotions and actions.

*enjoy the process*

# PRACTICE MINDFULNESS:

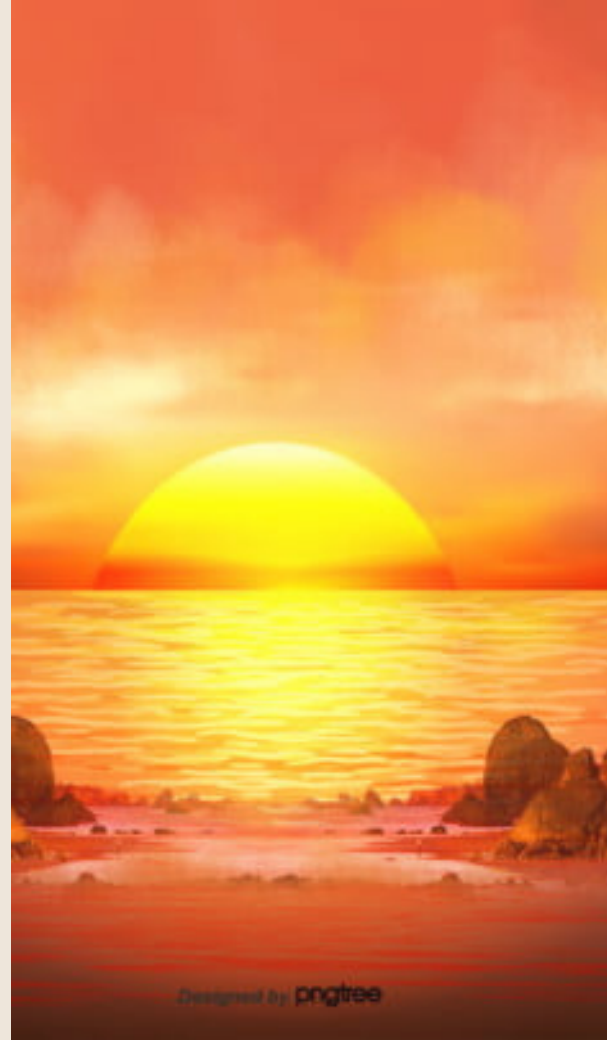
## Identify Cognitive Distortions:

Become familiar with common cognitive distortions, such as all-or-nothing thinking, overgeneralization, jumping to conclusions, and personalization.

Recognize when these distortions are present in your thoughts and take control of the direction you want them to go..

## Reflect on Emotional Responses:

- Observe how negative thoughts contribute to negative emotions.
- Notice the patterns and the effect they have on your well-being and relationships.
- Reflect on how negative thinking influences your actions and behavior.



## UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF NEGATIVE THINKING:

### Consider the "Filtering" Process:

Negative thinking often filters out positive experiences and focuses solely on the negative aspects of a situation.

Start recognizing how this filtering process affects your perception of reality and contributes to a negative mindset.

### Explore the Ripple Effect:

Recognize how your negative thoughts impact your mood, energy levels, and interactions with others. Understand that negative thinking can create a cycle of negativity that affects your overall well-being.

# DEVELOPING AWARENESS OF YOUR OWN NEGATIVE THOUGHT PATTERNS

## **1. Challenge Automatic Thoughts:**

When negative thoughts arise, question the validity of it. Challenge it by asking for evidence or considering alternative perspectives.

Take a moment to ask yourself is there a more balanced or realistic way to interpret the situation?

## **2. Use Affirmations and Positive Self-Talk:**

Counteract negative thoughts by intentionally replacing them with positive affirmations and self-talk.

Repeat empowering statements that challenge self-limiting beliefs, ensure they are meaningful and emotionally connected to you. .

## **3. Seek Feedback and Support:**

Engage in open conversations with trusted friends, family, or professionals who can provide honest feedback about your thought patterns.

By incorporating this new habit you gain different perspectives and insights to help you recognize and address negative thinking.





# CULTIVATING POSITIVE SELF-TALK:

## **Create Positive Affirmations:**

Develop a list of positive affirmations that counteract the negative self-talk. These affirmations should be empowering, encouraging, and reflect the qualities or beliefs you want to cultivate within yourself.

Repeat your positive affirmations daily, preferably in front of a mirror. Say them with conviction and belief. Internalize the positive messages and let them become a part of your self-dialogue.

## **Celebrate Your Accomplishments:**

Acknowledge and celebrate your achievements, no matter how small. Give yourself credit for the progress you have made and recognize your strengths and capabilities.

## **Identify Negative Self-Talk Patterns:**

Pay attention to the negative self-talk that arises in your mind. Notice the recurring themes or messages that you tell yourself.

## **Challenge Negative Self-Talk:**

When negative self-talk arises, consciously challenge it. Ask yourself if the thought is true, helpful, or serving your well-being. Replace the negative thought with a positive affirmation or a more balanced and realistic perspective.



# PRACTICING SELF-COMPASSION AND SELF-ENCOURAGEMENT

## **Cultivate Mindful Self-Compassion:**

Treat yourself with kindness and understanding when facing difficult emotions or challenging situations. Acknowledge your struggles and offer yourself words of compassion, such as "It's okay to make mistakes."

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## **Practice Self-Care Rituals:**

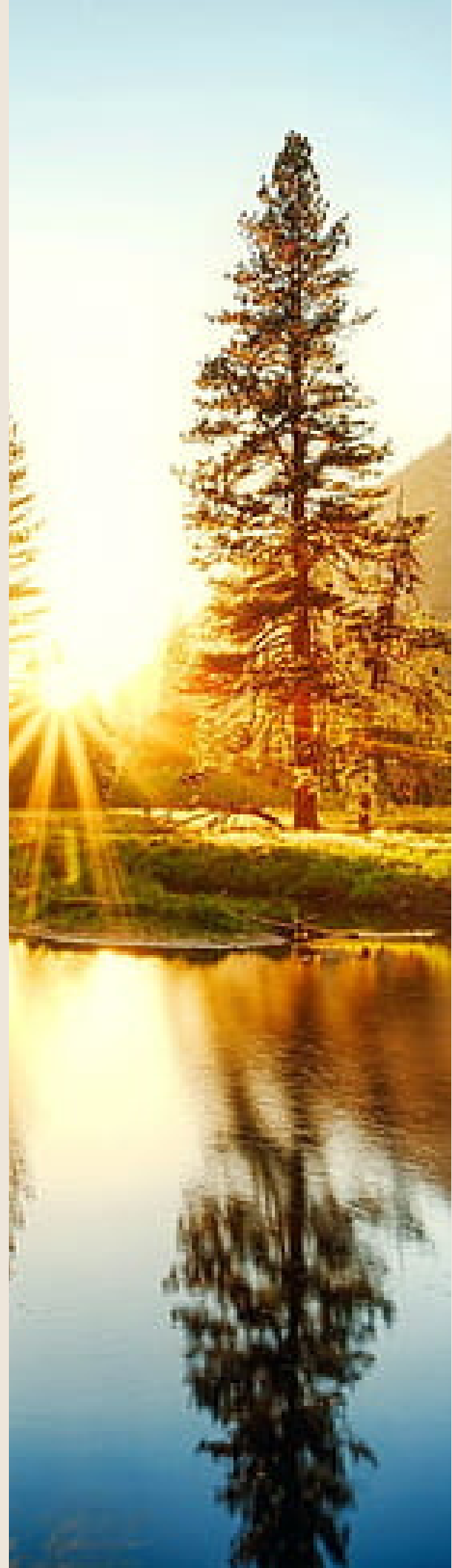
Engage in activities that nourish your mind, body, and soul. This can include taking breaks, practicing relaxation techniques, engaging in hobbies, or seeking support from loved ones.

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## **Focus on Self-Encouragement:**

Develop a habit of offering yourself words of encouragement and motivation.

Remind yourself of your potential, resilience, and ability to overcome challenges.

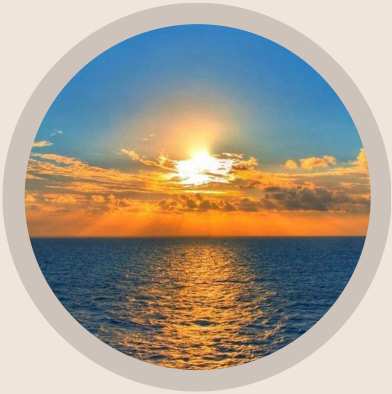


# BUILDING A SUPPORTIVE INNER DIALOGUE



## Notice Your Inner Critic

Become aware of your inner critic and its negative messages. Recognize when it arises and the impact it has on your self-esteem and well-being.



## Cultivate Self-Awareness

Practice self-reflection to understand the origins of your inner critic and any underlying beliefs that contribute to self-doubt or self-judgment. Challenge these beliefs and replace them with more supportive and empowering thoughts.



## Develop Positive Self-Talk

Develop Positive Self-Talk: Foster a supportive inner dialogue by consciously choosing to speak to yourself with kindness, respect, and encouragement. Replace self-criticism with positive affirmations and words of self-compassion.



## Surround Yourself with Supportive Influences

Seek out individuals who uplift and support you. Surround yourself with people who believe in your abilities and provide positive reinforcement. Their positive influence can help shape your inner dialogue.



# 02

## GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

**By cultivating mindfulness and developing an attitude of appreciation for the little moments, you can find greater joy and contentment in your daily life.**

**Embrace the present moment and savor the simple pleasures that make each day special.**

*LET'S DO IT!*



# Cultivating mindfulness and developing an attitude of appreciation

Incorporating mindfulness and appreciation into your daily life through practices such as meditation, journaling, or just taking moments to pause and reflect can have a profound impact on your relationships, your overall mental, emotional, and physical health, and your ability to find joy and contentment in the present moment.

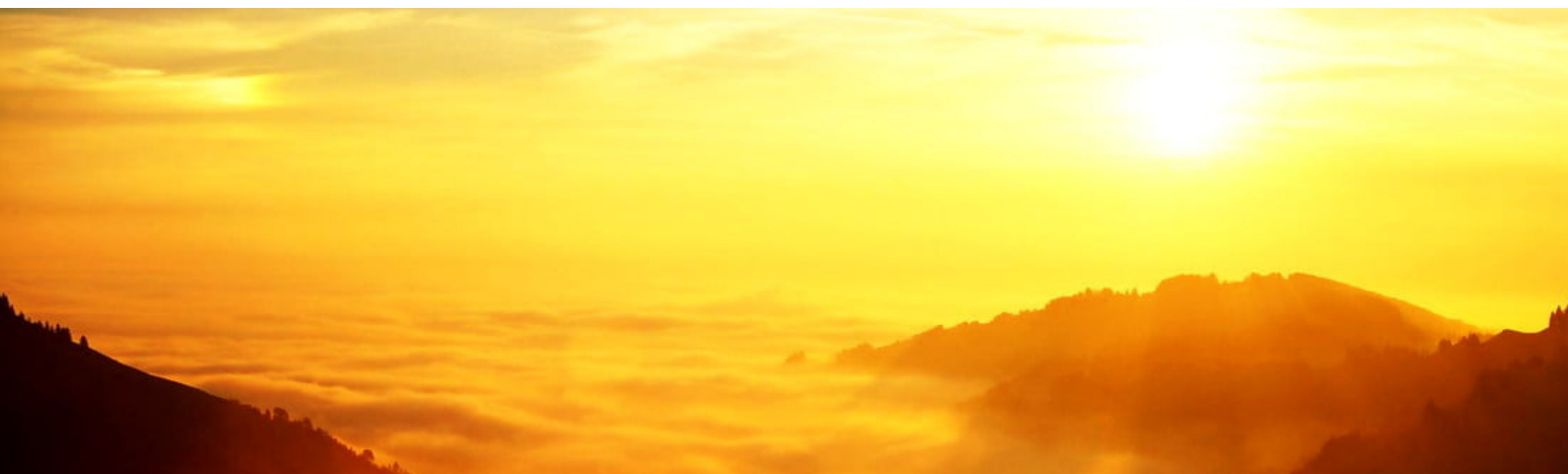
By combining mindfulness and an attitude of appreciation, you can experience the symbiotic effects of having what is called heightened present-moment awareness it brings you into the present moment.

While an attitude of appreciation helps you notice and savor the positive aspects of that moment by focusing on the positive aspects of your life.

Opening up a space in your life for mindfulness allows you to fully immerse yourself in the present, deepening your experience and creating a greater sense of joy and fulfillment.

Cultivating mindfulness actively enhances and helps your relationships by enabling you to be fully present and attentive in your interactions.

Adding appreciation allows you to recognize and express gratitude for the people in your life deepen your connections, fostering empathy, and creating a positive and supportive social environment in your daily life.





# GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

## **Cultivating a Gratitude Practice**

Cultivate a Gratitude Practice to Recognize and Appreciate the Blessings and Abundance in Your Life:

### **Start with Awareness:**

Understand that gratitude is a mindset and a practice that can be cultivated.

Begin by taking 15 minutes and recognizing the importance of gratitude in your life at the end of each day, and the positive impact it had on your overall well-being.

### **Daily Gratitude Practice:**

Commit to a daily gratitude practice, such as keeping a gratitude journal or engaging in gratitude reflections. Consistency is key to reap the benefits of gratitude.

### **Choose a Journal:**

Select a journal or notebook dedicated solely to your gratitude practice. It can be a simple notebook, a gratitude-specific journal, or even a digital journaling app.

### **Set a Time:**

Set a specific time each day to reflect on and write down moments of gratitude. It could be in the morning to set a positive tone for the day or in the evening as a way to reflect on the day's blessings.

### **Write Down Three Things:**

Each day, write down at least three things you are grateful for. They can be big or small, significant or seemingly insignificant. Focus on both the obvious blessings and the hidden gems in your life.

### **Be Specific and Detailed:**

For each item on your gratitude list, be specific and detailed. Describe why you are grateful for it, how it makes you feel, and the impact it has on your life.

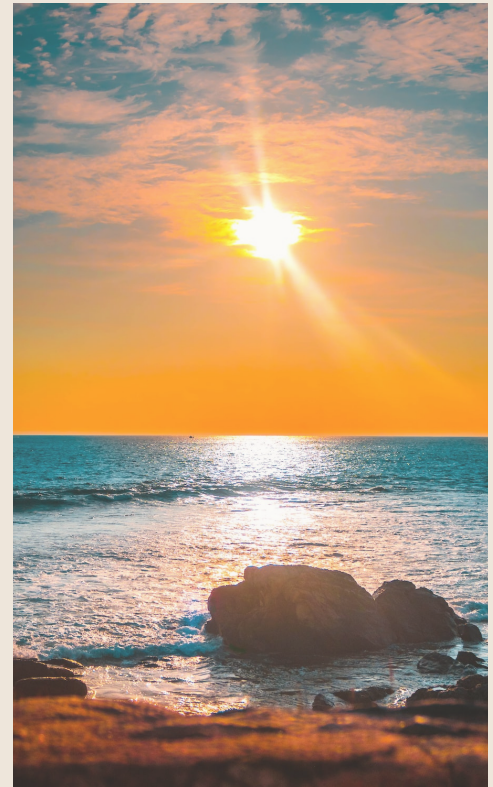
# CHECKLIST

## Physical activities for the week

- Journal or notebook**
- Set a specific time of the day to reflect**
- Write down at least three things you are grateful for.**
- Describe the Why of gratefulness**
- Spend time in nature**

## Emotional activities for the week

- Journal
- Listen to favorite music
- Spend time with family/friends
- Practice meditation
- Do something fun



**Remember Cultivating a Gratitude Practice to Recognize and Appreciate the Blessings and Abundance in Your Life:**



# SHIFTING FOCUS FROM WHAT IS LACKING TO WHAT IS PRESENT

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## **Practice Mindfulness:**

Try to intentionally bring an open, accepting and discerning attention to everything you do. Find joy in simple pleasures.

When you have negative thoughts, try to sit down, take a deep breath and close your eyes. Focus on your breath as it moves in and out of your body. Sitting and breathing for even just a minute can help..

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## **Count Your Blessings:**

When you catch yourself dwelling on what is lacking, consciously shift your focus to what you have.

Make a mental or written list of the blessings and abundance that surround you.

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## **Gratitude for Challenges and Lessons:**

Embrace challenges and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning.

Find gratitude for the lessons they offer and the strength they help you develop.

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## **Engage Your Senses:**

Engage your senses and be present in the moment. Take notice of the beauty of nature, savor the flavors of your meals, or appreciate the sounds of music. Engaging your senses helps you shift your focus to the present moment and the abundance it holds.

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## **Be Consistent:**

By consistently keeping a gratitude journal and consciously shifting your focus, you can train your mind to recognize and appreciate the blessings and abundance in your life. Over time, this practice can lead to a greater sense of contentment, positivity, and overall well-being.

# Finding Beauty in Small Things

## 1. **Cultivating Mindfulness and Presence in Daily Activities:**

Start with Intention: Begin each day with the intention to be present and mindful in your daily activities. Set a reminder or affirmation to anchor your attention to the present moment.

## 2. **Walking meditation.**

Find a quiet area 10 to 20 feet away, and begin to walk slowly. Focus on the experience of walking, being aware of the sensations of standing and the subtle movements that keep your balance.

When you reach the end of your path, turn and continue walking, maintaining awareness of your sensations.

## 3. **Engage Your Senses:**

Tune into your senses as you go about your day. Notice the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures of your surroundings.

Single-Tasking: Practice focusing on one task at a time rather than multitasking.

Avoid distractions and be fully present in the moment.





# Finding Beauty in Small Things

## 4 **Pay attention.**

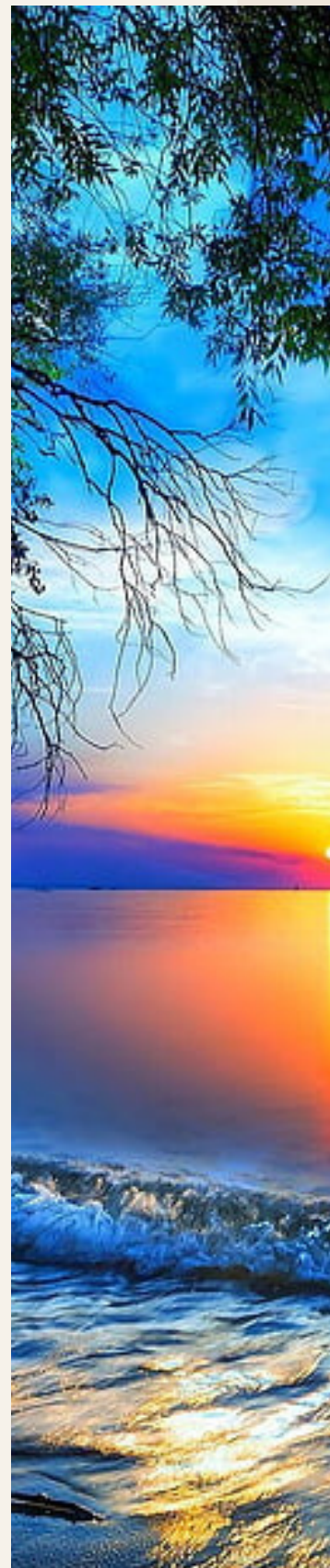
It's hard to slow down, take a moment, and notice things in a busy world. Try to take the time to experience your environment with all of your senses — touch, sound, sight, smell and taste.

## 5 **Practice Mindful Reflection:**

At the end of each day, reflect on the moments that brought you happiness or a sense of thankfulness. Recall the small gestures, acts of kindness, or moments of beauty that you encountered throughout the day.

## 6 **Mindful Pause:**

Throughout the day, intentionally pause for a brief moment to observe and appreciate the present. Take a deep breath, look around, and find something in your environment that brings a smile to your face or a sense of gratitude.





## Mindful Awareness: Setting an intention

Clear intention setting is similar to goal setting

By defining which intentions you want to set, you can work to manifest and bring into reality these intentions. Your thoughts, actions, beliefs, emotions are all used to help you manifest or achieve your intentions.

Setting an intention—Intention setting is clearly stating what you want to experience and achieve through your actions. This can be related to your work, personal life, dreams, thoughts, mindfulness practice, or whatever you choose. As long as it is clearly defined and customized to your life.

This practice is best done first thing in the morning, **before checking phones or email.**

1. On waking, sit in your bed or a chair in a relaxed posture. Close your eyes and connect with the sensations of your seated body. Make sure your spine is straight, but not rigid.
2. Take three long, deep, nourishing breaths—breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth. Then let your breath settle into its own rhythm, as you simply follow it in and out, noticing the rise and fall of your chest and belly as you breathe.
3. Ask yourself: “What is my intention for today?” Use these prompts to help answer that question, as you think about the people and activities you will face. Ask yourself:
  - How might I show up today to have the best impact?**
  - What quality of mind do I want to strengthen and develop?**
  - What do I need to take better care of myself?**
  - During difficult moments, how might I be more compassionate to others and myself?**
  - How might I feel more connected and fulfilled?**
4. Set your intention for the day. For example, “Today, I will be kind to myself; be patient with others; give generously; stay grounded; persevere; have fun; eat well,” or anything else you feel is important.
5. Throughout the day, check in with yourself. Pause, take a breath, and revisit your intention. Notice, as you become more and more conscious of your intentions for each day, how the quality of your communications, relationships, and mood shifts.



# 03

## REFRAMING CHALLENGES AND FAILURES

**Be kind and compassionate towards yourself when facing failure. Treat yourself with understanding and acceptance.**

**Acknowledging that failure is a natural part of the process. Learn from mistakes and use them as fuel for growth.**

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# Acknowledging that failure is a natural part of the process

- Although sometimes your thoughts may lead you to think and feel otherwise, failure is not a reflection of your worth or potential. It is a natural part of the learning process and an opportunity for growth. Embrace your failures, extract the lessons they offer, and use them as stepping stones toward greater success and personal development.
- Mistakes and failures provide valuable lessons and insights that success alone may not offer. When you encounter setbacks, you have an opportunity to reflect on what went wrong by identifying areas for improvement, and learning from your experience. It helps to open you up to an understanding of the factors that contributed to the failure so you can adjust your perception and approach and make more informed decisions in the future.
- Embracing failure as a part of the process builds resilience and perseverance and teaches you to bounce back from setbacks, providing ways to adapt to new circumstances, and keep moving forward. When you develop a growth mindset and view failures as learning opportunities, you become more resilient and better equipped to face challenges in all aspects of life.
- Your failure prompts self-reflection, which is a key component of personal growth. It encourages you to assess your strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. Through self-reflection, you can gain a deeper understanding of yourself, your motivations, and your goals, which allows you to make adjustments, mature in new and present skills, and continuously improve as an individual.



# Embracing Failure as Feedback:

## 1. **Shift Your Perspective on Failure:**

View failure as an opportunity for growth and learning, rather than a reflection of your self-worth. Understand that failure is a natural part of the learning process and an avenue for improvement.

## 2. **Extract Lessons from Failure:**

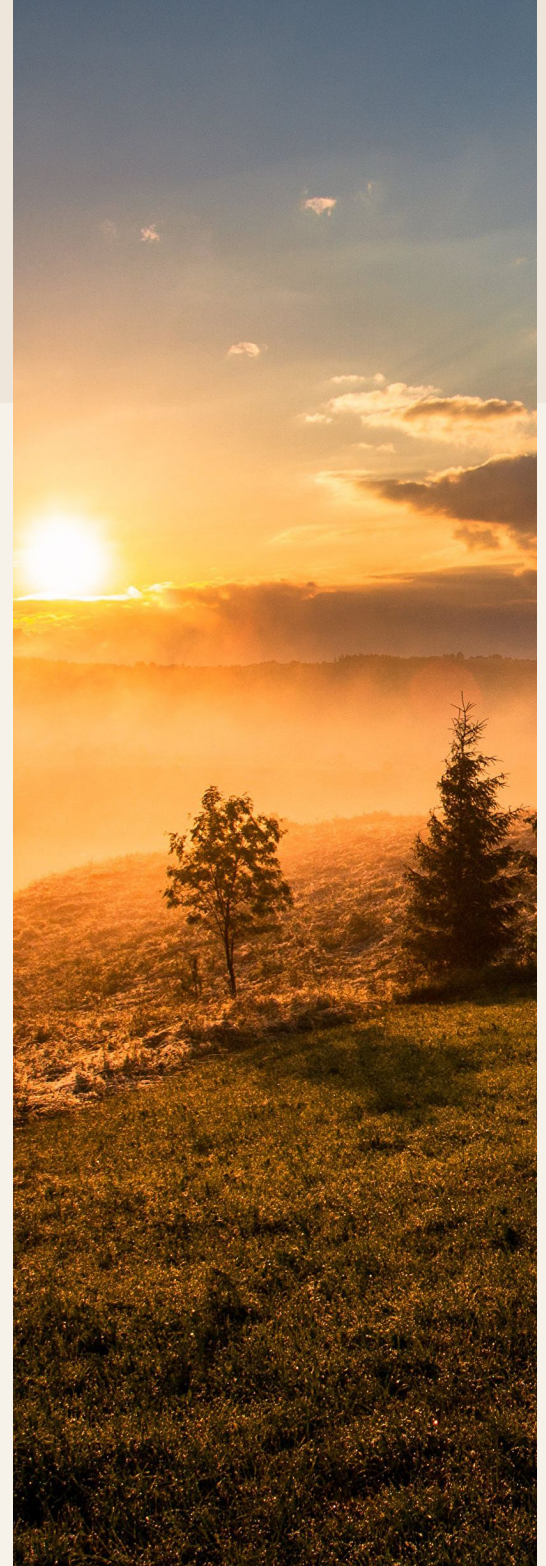
Reflect on your failures and identify the lessons they offer. Analyze what went wrong, what you could have done differently, and what insights you gained from the experience. Use these lessons to inform your future actions and decision-making.

## 3. **Adapt and Adjust:**

Take the lessons learned from failure and apply them to future endeavors. Use the feedback from failure to make necessary adjustments, refine your approach, and increase your chances of success.

## 4. **Embrace Shifting perspectives :**

Adopt a mindset shift that sees failure as an opportunity for growth and development. Believe in your ability to learn and improve through experience. Emphasize effort, resilience, and learning over the fear of failure.



**Shift your perspective on failure by viewing it as a stepping stone towards success.**

# Embracing Failure as Feedback:

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## **Challenge Negative Beliefs:**

Identify and challenge negative beliefs and fears surrounding failure. Replace them with positive and empowering beliefs that encourage you to take risks and embrace new opportunities.

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## **Embrace the Learning Process:**

Emphasize the process of learning and growth rather than solely focusing on the outcome. Embrace the idea that failure is an integral part of the learning journey and an opportunity to gain valuable insights.

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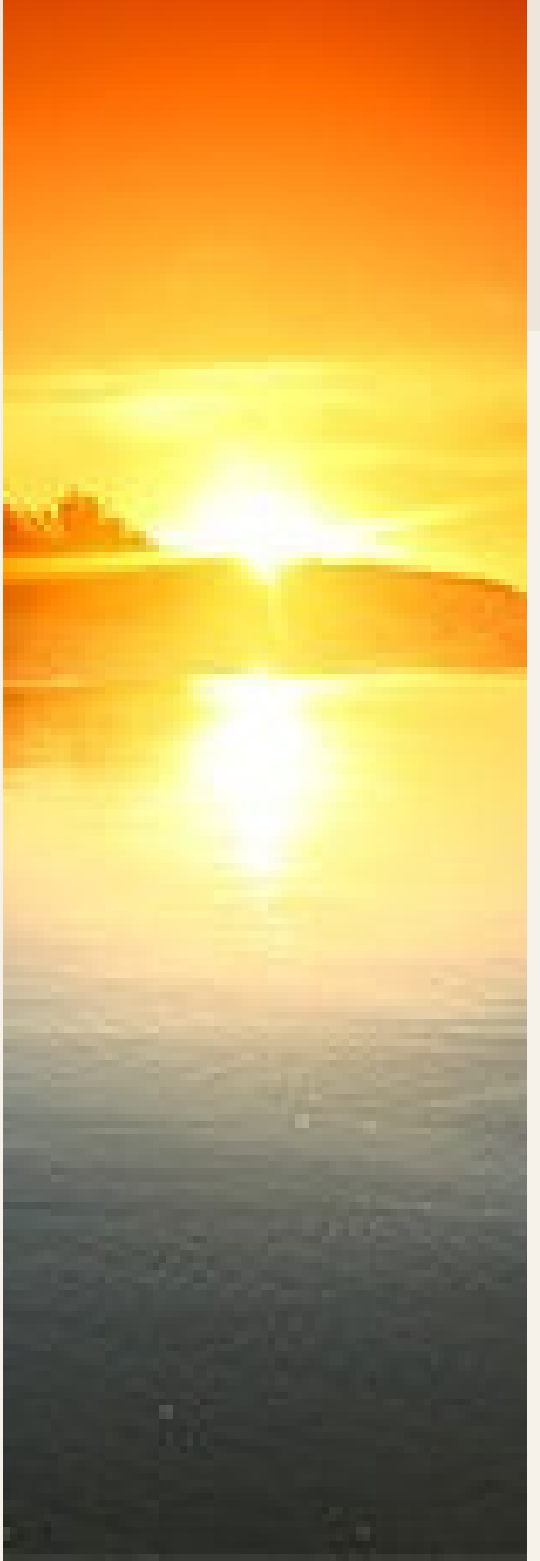
## **Take Calculated Risks:**

Cultivate a willingness to take calculated risks and step outside your comfort zone. Recognize that failure is often a byproduct of pushing boundaries and exploring new possibilities. Embrace the mindset of "What can I learn from this?" rather than "What if I fail?"

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## **Practice Self-Compassion:**

Be kind and compassionate towards yourself when facing failure. Treat yourself with understanding and acceptance, acknowledging that failure is a natural part of the process. Learn from mistakes and use them as fuel for growth.



**Recognize that failure is not the end result but a temporary setback on the path to growth and achievement.**

# Embracing Failure as Feedback:

## **Release Judgment:**

Approach your experiences without judgment or criticism. Embrace a non-judgmental attitude towards yourself, others, and the present moment. Accept things as they are, without attaching labels of good or bad.

## **Focus on Sense**

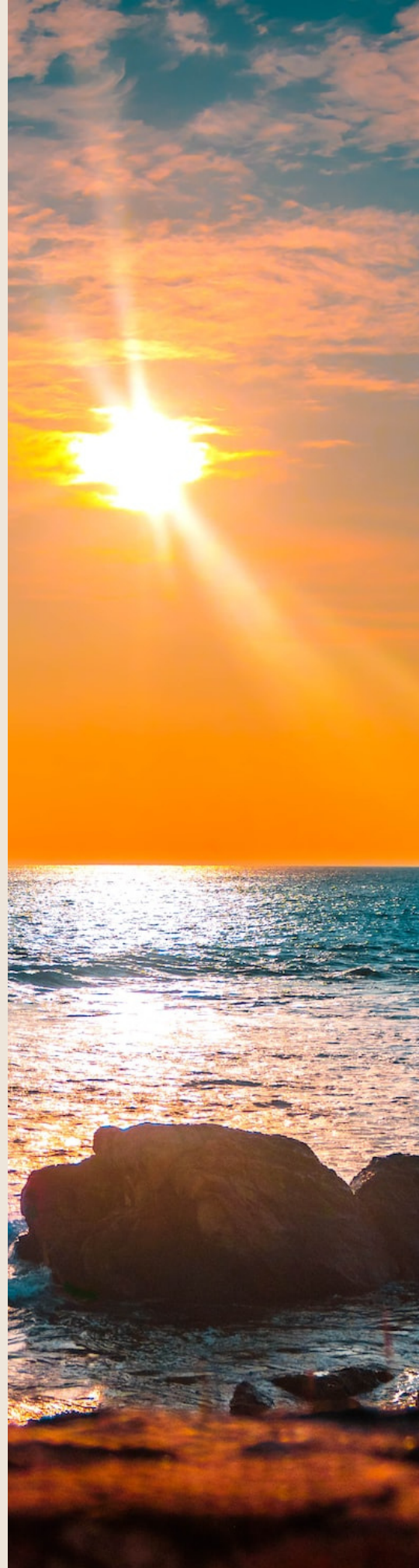
Use your sense as an anchor to the present. Notice the sensation of your body, the sounds around you, the sights, smells, and taste. Engage fully in the present experience by directing your attention to your senses.

## **Letting Go of Regrets:**

Recognize that dwelling on past regrets is unproductive and can hinder your present well-being. Practice self-compassion and forgiveness, allowing yourself to learn from past experiences without being defined or consumed by them.

## **Managing Future Anxieties:**

When thoughts about the future arise, acknowledge them without getting caught up in them. Remind yourself that the future is uncertain and focus on the present moment instead. Engage in grounding practices like deep breathing to bring yourself back to the present.



# REFRAMING CHALLENGES AND FAILURES

## **Recognize the Growth Potential:**

Understand that challenges provide opportunities for personal growth and learning. Embrace the belief that facing challenges can lead to valuable experiences and newfound strengths.

## **Reframe Challenges as Opportunities:**

Instead of viewing challenges as obstacles, reframe them as opportunities to develop resilience, problem-solving skills, and self-improvement. Shift your perspective from a mindset of defeat to one of growth and possibility.

## **Cultivate a Growth Mindset:**

Adopt a growth mindset, which emphasizes that abilities and intelligence can be developed through effort and perseverance. Embrace the belief that challenges are chances to expand your abilities and improve yourself.

## **Seek Lessons and Insights:**

Approach challenges with curiosity and a willingness to learn. Reflect on the lessons and insights that each challenge presents, and use them as stepping stones for personal and professional growth.

## **Reframing Setbacks as Stepping Stones to Success:**

**Shift Your Perspective:** Instead of viewing setbacks as failures, reframe them as opportunities for growth and course correction. See them as necessary steps on the path to success, providing valuable feedback and learning experiences.

## **Building a Resilient Mindset:**

By learning from mistakes and failures, you develop a more resilient mindset that can positively impact various aspects of your life. Viewing failures as temporary setbacks rather than permanent reflections of your abilities helps you maintain a positive outlook and persevere in the face of challenges.







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# EMBRACING A GROWTH MINDSET AND SEEKING SOLUTIONS

## **Learn from Setbacks:**

Take time to analyze setbacks and identify what went wrong or what can be improved. Focus on the lessons learned and the skills gained from navigating setbacks. Use this knowledge to make adjustments and move forward.

## **Embrace Resilience and Perseverance:**

Develop resilience by bouncing back from setbacks and maintaining a positive attitude. Cultivate perseverance by staying committed to your goals despite temporary setbacks. See setbacks as fuel to propel you forward.

## **Practice Self-Compassion:**

Be kind to yourself when facing setbacks. Recognize that setbacks are a natural part of the growth process. Treat yourself with compassion, and avoid self-blame or harsh self-criticism.

## **Foster a Solution-focused Mindset**

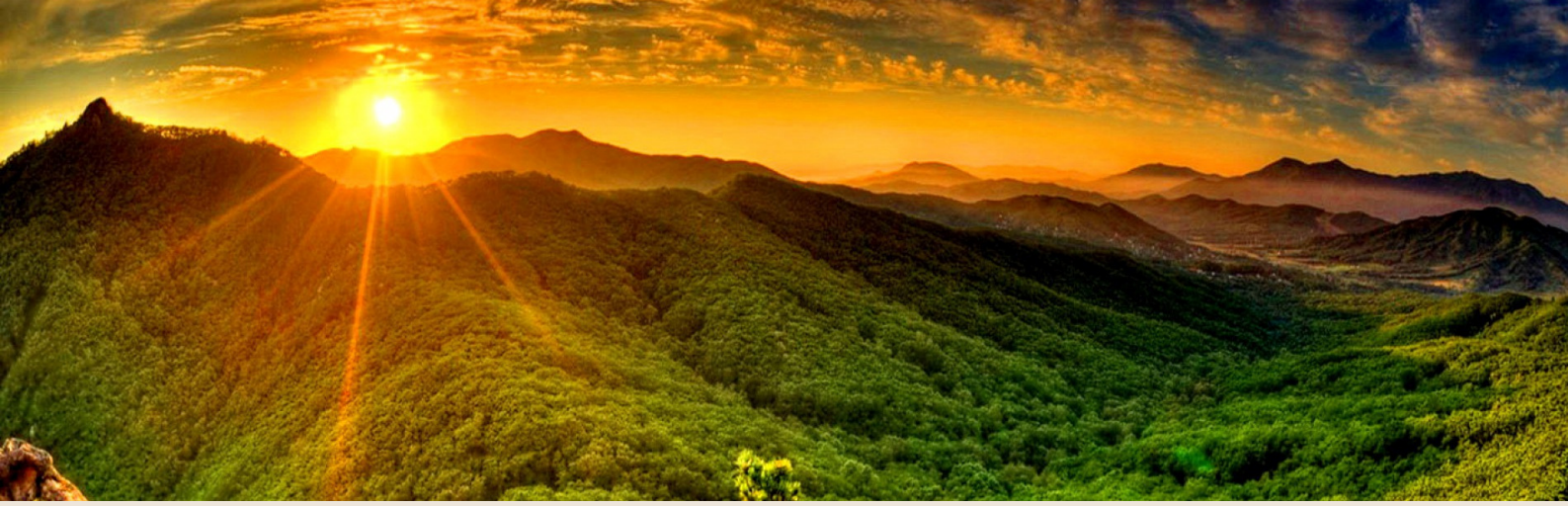
Believe that challenges can be overcome and that you have the capacity to find solutions. Embrace a mindset that values effort, learning, and growth. See setbacks as opportunities to develop and expand your abilities..

## **Seek Support and Different Perspectives**

Reach out to others for guidance and support when facing challenges. Seek advice from mentors, experts, or supportive individuals who can offer fresh insights and alternative solutions.

## **Brainstorm Solutions:**

Engage in brainstorming sessions to generate multiple potential solutions to the challenges you face. Be open-minded and consider unconventional or creative approaches. Focus on finding viable options rather than dwelling on the problem itself.

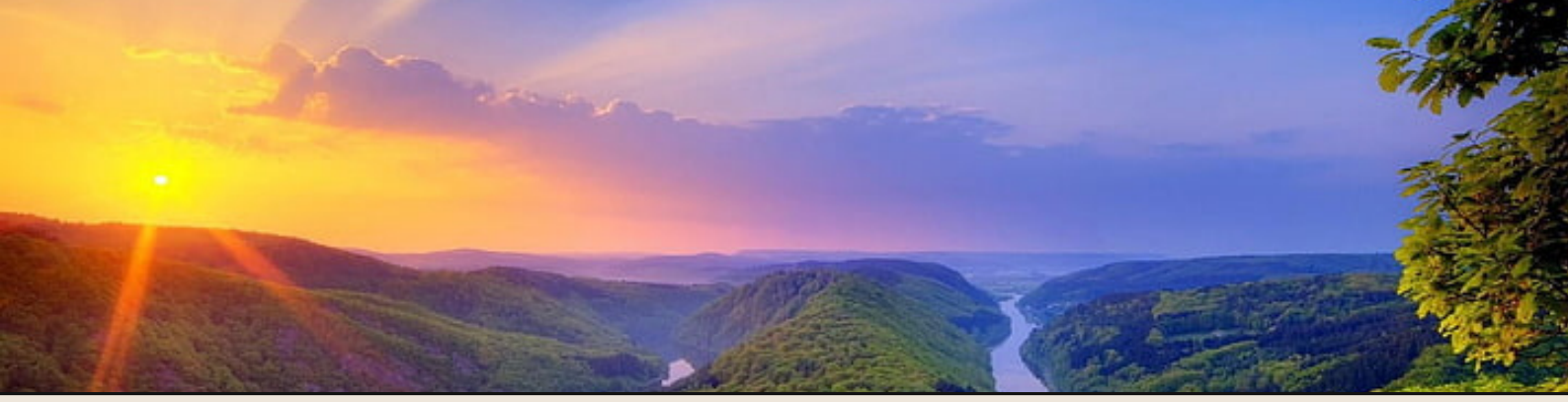


## **Tips to help you engage in your growth mindset path.**

- Seek out new challenges. Even though you may struggle or fail, the amount of growth you'll experience through your willingness to engage in the process and try things that ask you to stretch

in new ways will be powerful and could have a profound influence, not only on other areas of your life, but on your approach to what it means to encounter challenge and difficulty in general.

- Be persistent. When obstacles get in your way, power through. Don't give up. Seek support and take time to reflect on where you are and where you're determined to be.
- When you receive criticism, do not ignore it. Listen to criticism... learn from it. See if you can change your thinking or actions and if this can help you to achieve your goals/success in the future.
- Draw inspiration from the success of others. When your friends succeed, offer sincere congratulations. Be motivated by success — theirs and others around you, too.
- Avoid comparing the success of others with your own path, as no two paths to success will look alike. And that's great. As you draw inspiration from others, remember others are likely drawing information and learning from you, too.



# EMBRACING ACCEPTANCE

## **Practice Self-Compassion:**

Treat yourself with kindness and understanding, acknowledging that you are human and imperfect.

Embrace self-compassion by speaking to yourself with kindness and offering yourself love and support, especially during challenging times.

## **Cultivate Mindfulness:**

Develop a mindful awareness of the present moment, including your thoughts, emotions, and sensations.

Embrace the practice of non-judgmental observation, allowing things to be as they are without trying to change or control them.

## **Let Go of Control:**

Recognize that there are aspects of life beyond your control. Release the need to control every outcome and surrender to the natural flow of life.

Trust that things will unfold as they are meant to, and focus on how you respond to the circumstances.

## **Challenge Negative Thought Patterns:**

Notice and challenge any thoughts or beliefs that resist acceptance. Replace self-limiting beliefs with more empowering and accepting perspectives.

Remind yourself that acceptance does not mean resignation but rather a willingness to work with what is.

## **Focus on the Present Moment:**

Direct your attention to the present moment and find peace in the here and now. Engage in mindfulness practices, such as deep breathing or grounding techniques, to anchor yourself in the present and let go of worries about the past or future.

## **Gratitude Practice:**

Cultivate a gratitude practice to shift your focus towards appreciation for what you have in the present moment.

Regularly reflect on the blessings and positive aspects of your life, developing a sense of contentment and appreciation for what is.



# EMBRACING A GROWTH MINDSET AND SEEKING SOLUTIONS

## **Take Action:**

Once you have identified possible solutions, take action and implement them. Break down the solutions into manageable steps and set specific goals to address the challenges.

Embrace a proactive approach and persevere in finding solutions.

## YOUR NOTES:

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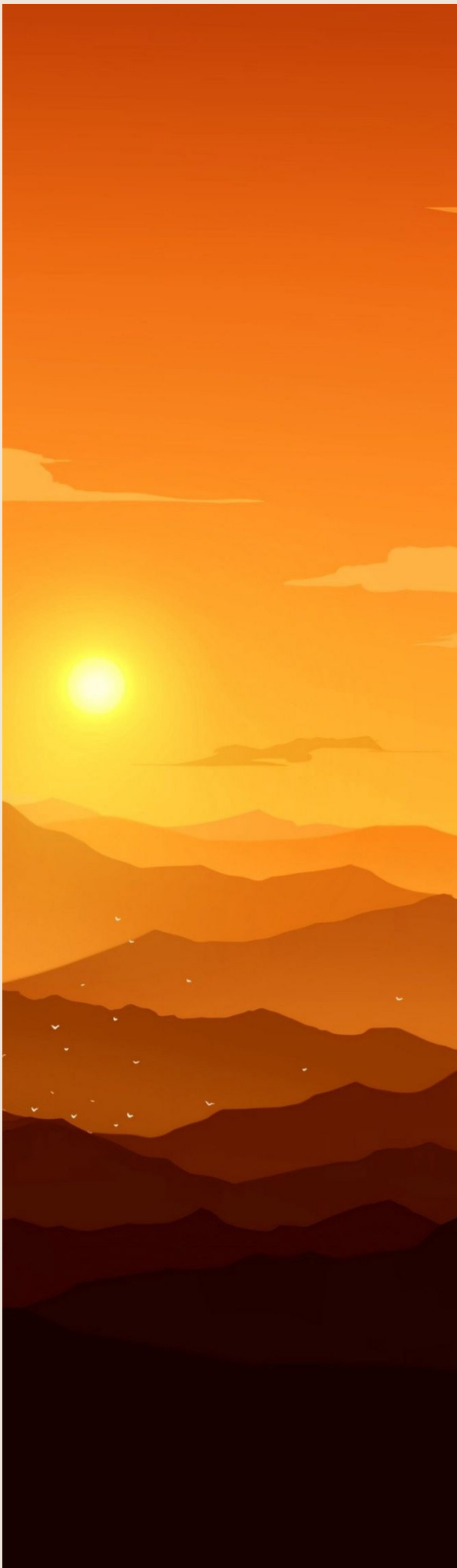
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# 04

## SURROUNDING YOURSELF WITH POSITIVITY

**Surrounding yourself with positive and supportive individuals can significantly impact your well-being, mindset, and personal growth.**

**Cultivate relationships that uplift and inspire you, and be intentional in creating a supportive network that encourages your journey towards positivity and success.**

*LET'S DO IT!*



# Building a supportive network is a two-way street.

Remember, Be willing to provide support, encouragement, and inspiration to others as well. Together, you can create an uplifting and empowering environment that fosters personal growth, positivity, and success.

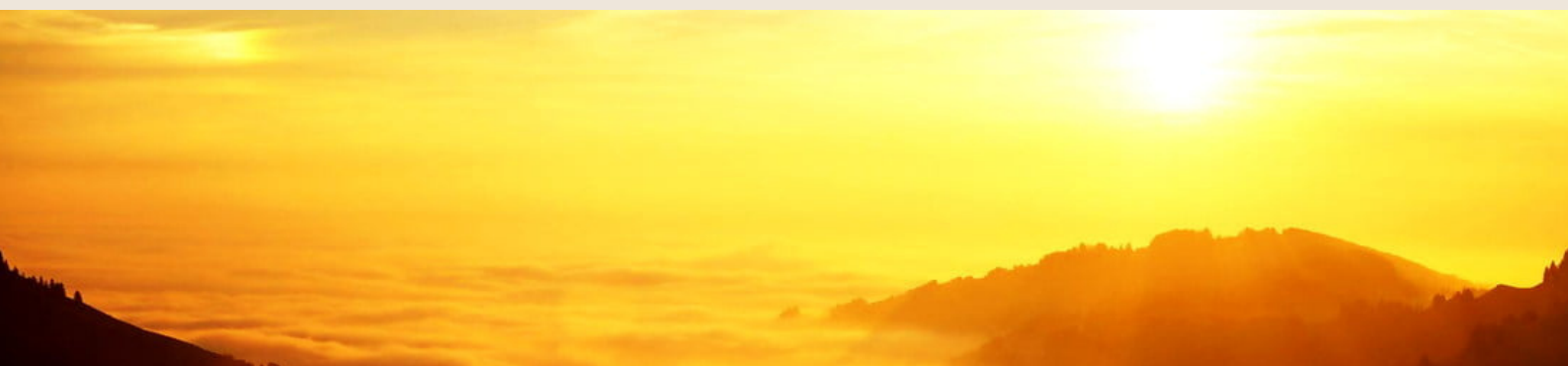
Build relationships based on authenticity and mutual support, make sure to seek genuine connections where you can be your true self, share your dreams and aspirations, and receive genuine support. Engage in meaningful conversations, actively listen to others, and show empathy and understanding.

Be intentional in nurturing your relationships. Take the time to reach out, show appreciation, and offer support to those who uplift and inspire you. Actively listen and provide encouragement to others as well, by investing in your relationships and being intentional, you create a positive and supportive network that fuels your journey towards positivity and success.

**Set Boundaries:** It's important to set boundaries with individuals who consistently bring negativity or drain your energy. While it's not always possible to completely remove such people from your life, you can establish boundaries to limit their impact on your well-being.

Surround yourself primarily with those who uplift and inspire you, while maintaining healthy distance from toxic relationships. Yes!! that includes the infamous “frenemy” is someone to be ignored and unfriended. Anyone who takes away your spotlight or criticizes your uniqueness needs to go.

We are ingrained with the notion of giving people a second chance or allowing our loneliness to drive decisions, but this can lead to unhealthy relationships that damage your core being.





# CHOOSING POSITIVE INFLUENCES AND SEEKING SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS:

## **Reflect on Current Relationships:**

Take time to evaluate the impact of the people you currently surround yourself with. Consider how they make you feel, their values, and the level of support they provide. Reflect on whether they uplift and inspire you or contribute to negativity and drain your energy.

## **Identify Positive Traits:**

Identify the qualities and traits you value in relationships. Seek individuals who possess qualities such as positivity, empathy, kindness, encouragement, and a growth mindset. Look for people who genuinely support and believe in your goals and aspirations.

## **Expand Your Social Circle:**

Engage in activities and communities that align with your interests and values. Attend events, join clubs, or participate in groups that provide opportunities to meet like-minded individuals. Seek out spaces where you can connect with others who share your positive mindset and goals.

## **Foster Supportive Friendships: Nurture**

Existing friendships that align with your vision of positivity and support. Invest time and effort in building meaningful connections with individuals who uplift and inspire you. Be proactive in maintaining and strengthening these relationships.

## **Seek Mentors and Role Models:**

Identify mentors or role models who embody the qualities and achievements you admire. Seek their guidance and support as they can provide valuable insights, encouragement, and inspiration along your journey.

## **Be Intentional in Your Relationships:**

Be selective about the people you allow into your inner circle. Surround yourself with individuals who have a positive impact on your well-being and who genuinely support your growth and aspirations.



# 05

## MINDFULNESS AND PRESENT-MOMENT AWARENESS

**Remember, embracing acceptance is an ongoing practice that requires patience and self-compassion, by letting go of the need for control, embracing the flow of life, and finding peace and contentment in the present moment.**

**You Really can experience a greater sense of inner peace, fulfillment, and acceptance of yourself and your circumstances.**

*LET'S DO IT!*





# The Transformative potential of mindfulness

We have all experienced emotions such as anger, sadness, frustration, jealousy, and laziness, to name a few. These are unpleasant emotions that evoke negative reactions from us. Mindful awareness helps us to disconnect from identifying or attaching to negative emotions.

Mindfulness and present-moment awareness are deeply intertwined with embracing acceptance, patience, and self-compassion. When you incorporate acceptance, patience, and self-compassion into your mindfulness practice, you create a nurturing and supportive space for personal growth, self-awareness, and inner peace.

These qualities not only enhance your mindfulness practice but also extend to your daily life, allowing you to approach challenges and interactions with greater understanding and kindness, both towards yourself and others.

**Remember that mindfulness is a journey, and cultivating these qualities is a continuous process that unfolds over time.**

They require consistent effort and dedication. It's normal for your mind to wander or for challenges to arise along the way. Embracing mindfulness into your daily life you learn to become more acceptance of your mistakes and those of others and grow to become the best you.

Your patience and self-compassion helps you navigate these challenges with resilience and without self-judgment. You recognize that each moment is an opportunity to return to the present with kindness and curiosity.



# Cultivating Present-Moment Awareness

Mindfulness is the practice of intentionally bringing our attention to the present moment without judgment. It involves observing our thoughts, feelings, and sensations as they arise, without getting caught up in them or reacting impulsively. By developing this skill, we can cultivate a heightened awareness of our experiences, both internally and externally.

## CONSCIOUS BREATHING

This involves closing your eyes and focusing on the sound and movement of your breath. Find where you in your body you feel your breath the most. It may be in your chest, or maybe in your stomach. Try to focus on the movement of air in and out of the nose. Wherever you feel it most, focus on that.

If your mind wanders, that's likely. Simply practice bringing yourself back to the breath each time.

Conscious breathing helps to bring about great benefits into your life such as releasing of (negative) emotions, helping to increase your attention and concentration, improves self-exploration and self-knowledge, improves our imagination, memory, and inner and external knowledge of self.

## LISTENING MINDFULLY

**Objective: Listen to at least one person every day as part of this exercise:**

- Focus your attention entirely on the person speaking and put aside any distracting thoughts.
- Avoid fidgeting or fiddling with your hands; keep your body still. Maintain eye contact and look the other person in the eye.
- Listen carefully to what is being said. Don't interrupt or anticipate your response. Simply listen.
- Take note of the person's body language and tone of voice.
- Take a moment to organize your thoughts and words before you speak.
- Answer in a way that shows you have listened carefully, or ask questions that show you have listened carefully.
- Afterward, consider one important thing the person said and one detail, such as the color of their eyes or what they were wearing.

By learning to listen mindfully, you'll become a wiser, more empathetic person.



# CULTIVATING MINDFULNESS PRACTICE

01

## **Mindful Breathing:**

Focus your attention on the sensation of your breath, noticing the inhales and exhales.

Observe the breath without judgment and gently bring your attention back to it whenever your mind wanders.

02

## **Body Scan:**

Start from the top of your head and gradually move your attention down through your body, noticing any sensations or areas of tension.

Allow yourself to fully experience the sensations in each part of your body without trying to change them.

03

## **Loving-Kindness Meditation:**

Cultivate feelings of love, compassion, and kindness towards yourself and others.

Repeat phrases such as "May I be happy, may I be healthy, may I be at peace" while directing those sentiments towards yourself, loved ones, and even strangers.

04

## **Walking Meditation:**

Engage in a slow, mindful walk, paying attention to the sensations in your feet and legs as they make contact with the ground.

Notice the movement of your body, the sights and sounds around you, and the feeling of being present in each step.

05

## **Mindful Eating:**

Engage in eating with full presence and awareness. Notice the colors, textures, and flavors of the food.

Slow down the pace, chew slowly, and savor each bite. Pay attention to the sensations and nourishment it provides.

06

## **Connecting with the Present Experience:**

Practice mindfulness in your daily life by intentionally bringing your attention to the present moment.

Engage fully in each activity, whether it's eating, walking, or conversing, and let go of distractions and worries.

# 06

## VISUALIZATION & POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

**Remember, affirmations are most effective when repeated with conviction and belief. Choose affirmations that resonate with you personally and adapt them to fit your specific goals and areas of focus.**

**Consistency, repetition, and an open mindset are key to shifting your mindset and beliefs through the power of affirmations.**

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# An open mindset is essential when using affirmations.

Using affirmations is not about simply repeating words, but about cultivating a deep sense of belief and connection to the affirmations you choose. Embrace the process with consistency, repetition, and an open mindset, and allow the power of affirmations to support your journey of positive mindset transformation.

Affirmations are a tool for consciously choosing and shaping your thoughts and beliefs. They can help counteract negative self-talk and replace it with positive, supportive, and empowering thoughts.

By using affirmations consistently and with an open mindset, you actively engage in the process of rewiring your mind towards more positive and constructive patterns of thinking.

An open mindset is essential when using affirmations. It involves being receptive and willing to embrace new thoughts and beliefs.

Approaching affirmations with an open mind allows you to let go of limiting beliefs and be more receptive to positive and empowering statements. It opens up the possibility for transformative shifts in your mindset and beliefs.

Repetition strengthens the impact of affirmations. When you repeat affirmations, you reinforce their messages and increase their effectiveness which also helps embed the positive statements into your subconscious mind, making them more accessible and influential in shaping your thoughts and beliefs.



# Harnessing the Power of Visualization

## 1. Clarify Your Goals:

Start by clearly defining your goals and desired outcomes. Be specific about what you want to achieve, whether it's in your personal or professional life.

## 2. Engage Your Senses:

Close your eyes and imagine the desired outcome as vividly as possible. Engage all your senses to create a detailed mental image. Visualize how it looks, sounds, feels, smells, and even tastes.

## 3. Make It Realistic and Achievable:

While visualizing, ensure that the image is realistic and attainable. Maintain a balance between stretching your limits and staying grounded in what is possible.



# Visualizing Positive Scenarios & Experiences

**Practice visualization regularly, ideally as part of a daily routine. The more you practice, the more familiar and natural the visualization process becomes, and the stronger your belief in your abilities grows.**



## Visualize Successful Performances:

Before engaging in a challenging task or performance, visualize yourself succeeding with confidence and ease. Imagine yourself performing at your best, overcoming obstacles, and achieving your desired outcome.

## Affirmations with Visualization:

Combine positive affirmations with visualization. Repeat affirmations that align with your goals and desired outcomes while visualizing the associated images. This strengthens your belief in your abilities and reinforces positive thoughts.

## Incorporate Emotions:

Visualize not just the images but also the emotions associated with achieving your goals. Feel the excitement, joy, and confidence that come with success. Engaging your emotions enhances the power of visualization.

# Visualizing Positive Scenarios & Experiences

## **Recall Past Successes:**

Remember and visualize past successes, achievements, or positive experiences. Use these as a foundation to build upon and generate positive emotions and confidence.

## **Create a Visualization Routine:**

Set aside dedicated time each day to visualize positive scenarios and experiences. This could involve imagining successful interactions, envisioning positive outcomes for specific situations, or visualizing the overall fulfillment of your goals.

## **Use Guided Imagery:**

Utilize guided imagery recordings or visualization exercises available through books, online resources, or mobile applications. These resources can help guide you through specific visualizations designed to evoke positive emotions and outcomes.







# FORMULATING AND REPEATING POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

## **Keep Them Positive and Present Tense:**

State your affirmations in positive and present tense language. Frame them as if they are already true and happening in the present moment. For example, "I am confident and capable" instead of "I will be confident and capable."

## **Keep Them Short and Simple:**

Keep your affirmations concise and easy to remember. Short affirmations are easier to internalize and repeat consistently.

## **Be Specific and Personal:**

Make your affirmations specific to your goals, desires, or areas of improvement. Customize them to reflect your unique journey and aspirations.

## **Use Empowering Language:**

Choose words that evoke strong and positive emotions. Use empowering language that resonates with you and aligns with your values and aspirations.

# REINFORCING POSITIVE BELIEFS AND SELF-CONFIDENCE:

## **Daily Practice:**

Repeat your affirmations daily, ideally in the morning and before bed. Consistency is key to reinforce positive beliefs and build self-confidence over time.

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## **Visualize as You Repeat:**

Visualize yourself embodying the qualities or outcomes mentioned in your affirmations. Combine the power of visualization with affirmation repetition to reinforce positive beliefs.

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## **Use Mirror Work:**

Stand in front of a mirror, look into your eyes, and repeat your affirmations aloud. This technique enhances the connection between your words, thoughts, and your sense of self.

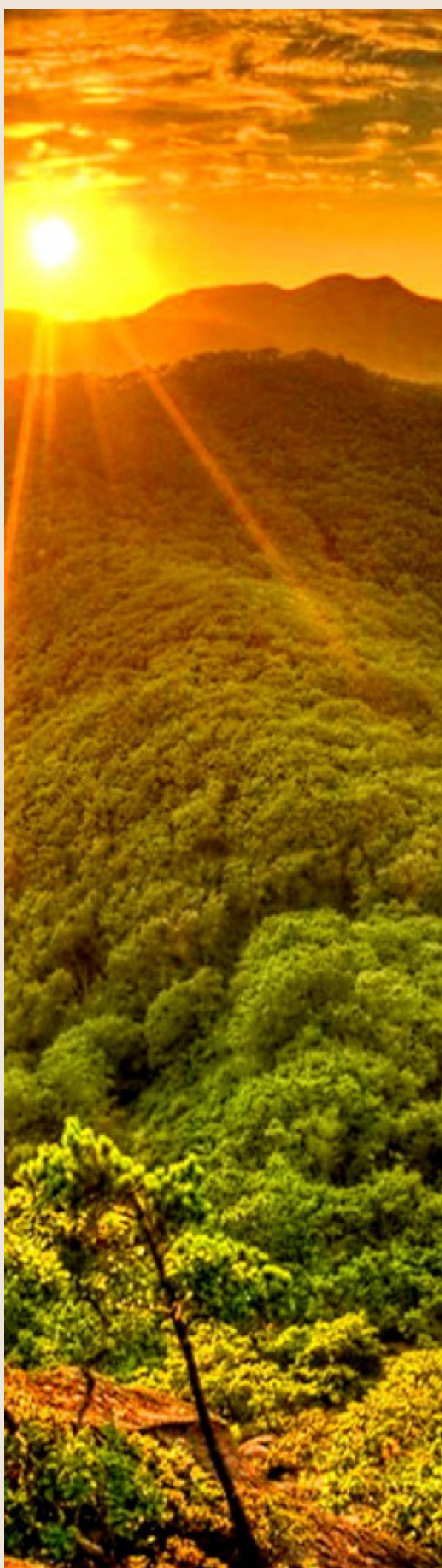


# Affirming Positive Beliefs

**Write your affirmations in a journal or on sticky notes and place them in visible locations such as your bathroom mirror, workspace, or phone wallpaper.**

**Seeing them regularly reinforces positive beliefs throughout the day.**

- 01 "I am deserving of love, abundance, and happiness in my life."
- 02 "I am confident in my abilities, and I trust myself to handle any challenges that come my way."
- 03 "I embrace change and see it as an opportunity for growth and personal development."
- 04 "I am worthy of success, and I believe in my ability to achieve my goals."
- 05 "I am grateful for all the blessings in my life, and I attract positivity and abundance every day."
- 06 "I release all self-doubt and embrace my inner strength and resilience."
- 07 "I am capable of achieving my dreams, and I take action towards them with determination and confidence."
- 08 "I radiate love and kindness, and I attract loving and supportive relationships into my life."
- 09 "I trust in the process of life, and I have faith that everything unfolds for my highest good."
- 10 "I am enough just as I am, and I embrace my unique qualities and talents."



# 07

## SETTING REALISTIC AND MEANINGFUL GOALS

**Remember, setting realistic and meaningful goals is a personalized process. Adapt examples provided to suit your own aspirations and values.**

**Breaking goals down into actionable steps and taking consistent action requires discipline, resilience, and commitment.**

**With determination, perseverance, and a clear plan, you can make progress towards achieving your aspirations and dreams.**

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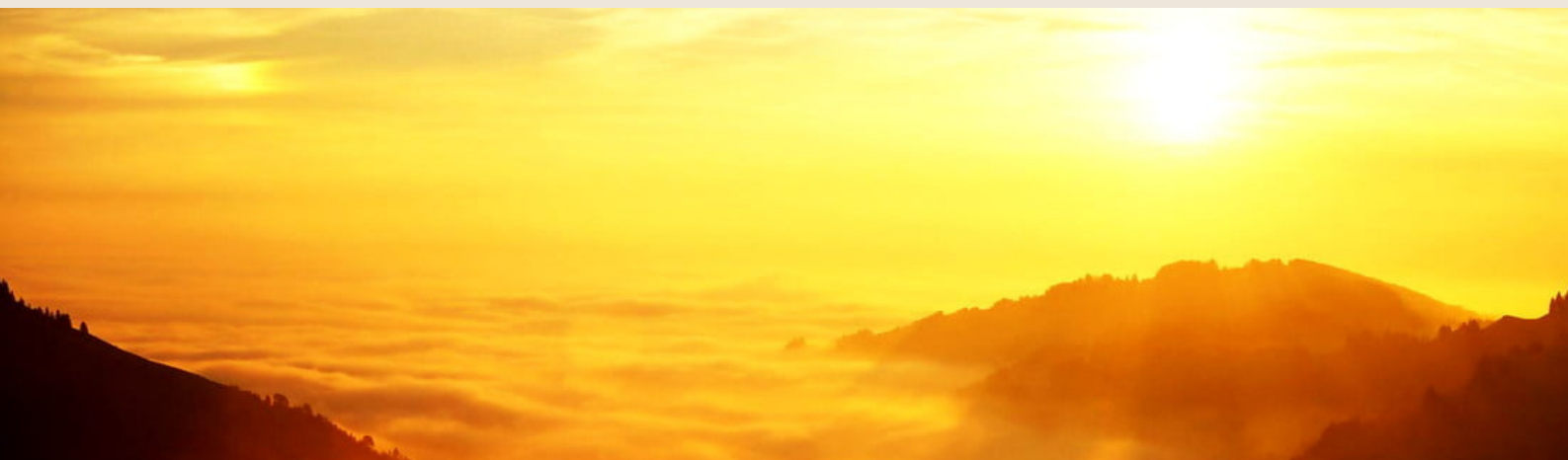


# Setting Goals you REALLY want to achieve!

What are Goals? Goals are something that we put our effort toward achieving. They're whatever we're aiming to accomplish in our life. They motivate us to work on our mental health, finances, our emotional and physical well-being. They help you define your focus and actions on something specific and organize a plan.

Some people wonder why goals should be realistic, and then are naturally disappointed when they don't reach their goals in their desired timeframe.

- Personalizing your goals ensures they align with your individual aspirations, values, and circumstances. Adapt the examples provided to make them meaningful and relevant to your unique journey, increasing your motivation, and setting yourself up for success.
- Take time to reflect on your own aspirations, dreams, and desires. Consider what truly matters to you and what you want to achieve in different areas of your life, such as career, relationships, health, personal growth, and hobbies. Use this reflection as a guide to define goals that resonate with your own values and aspirations.
- Ensure that your goals have personal significance and meaning. Connect them to your core values, passions, and what brings you joy and fulfillment. Aligning goals with your internal motivations increases your motivation and commitment to achieving them.
- Be realistic about what you can reasonably achieve given your time, energy, financial constraints, and responsibilities. Set goals that challenge you, but are also attainable within your specific context.



# Achieving the Goals take consistent action, discipline, resilience, and commitment.

If you have heard of SMART goals then defiantly apply the rule? Goals have to be powerful, they should be designed to be SMART.

By using the SMART framework, you can ensure that your goals are well-defined, realistic, and actionable. It helps you break down larger goals into smaller, manageable steps, and provides a roadmap for your progress.

## **Set Specific Goals**

Your goal must be clear and well defined. Vague or generalized goals are unhelpful because they don't provide sufficient direction.

Remember, you need goals to show you the way. Make it as easy as you can to get where you want to go by defining precisely where you want to end up.

## **Set Measurable Goals**

Include precise amounts, dates, and so on in your goals so you can measure your degree of success. If your goal is simply defined as "To reduce expenses" how will you know when you have been successful?

Without a way to measure your success you miss out on the celebration that comes with knowing you have actually achieved something.



Achieving the Goals take consistent action, discipline, resilience, and commitment.

### **Set Attainable Goals**

Make sure that it's possible to achieve the goals you set. If you set a goal that you have no hope of achieving, you will only demoralize yourself and erode your confidence.

However, resist the urge to set goals that are too easy. Accomplishing a goal that you didn't have to work hard for can be disappointing, and can also make you fear setting future goals that carry a risk of non-achievement.

By setting realistic yet challenging goals, you hit the balance you need. These are the types of goals that require you to "raise the bar" and they bring the greatest personal satisfaction.

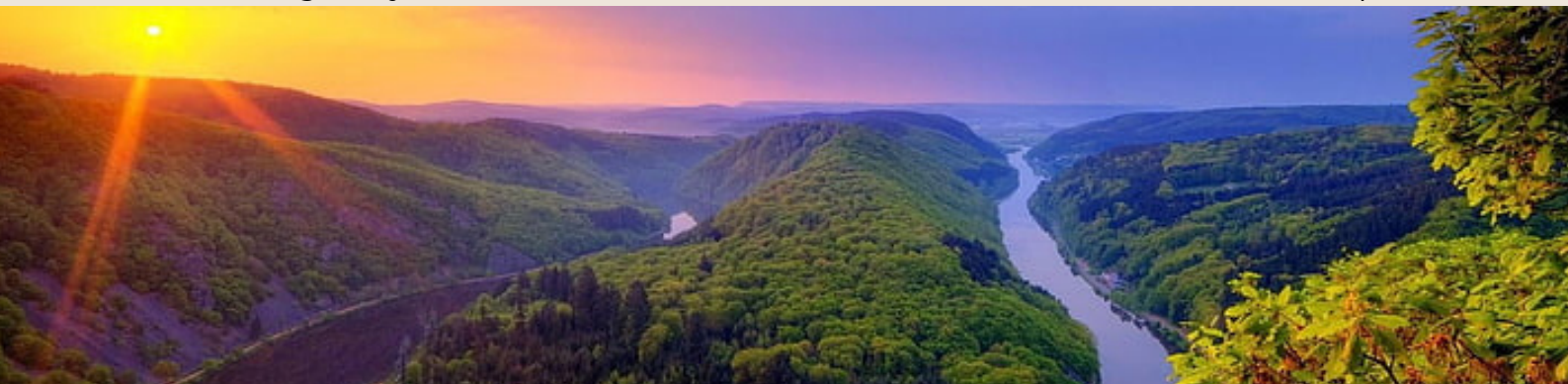
### **Set Relevant Goals**

Goals should be relevant to the direction you want your life and career to take. By keeping goals aligned with this, you'll develop the focus you need to get ahead and do what you want.

**Set widely scattered and inconsistent goals, and you'll waste your time – and your life – away.**

### **Set Time-Bound Goals**

Your goals must have a deadline. Again, this means that you know when you can celebrate success. When you are working on a deadline, your sense of urgency increases and achievement will come that much quicker.



# BREAKING GOALS DOWN INTO ACTIONABLE STEPS

## **Specificity:**

Make your goals specific and well-defined. Clearly articulate what you want to achieve, when you want to achieve it, and why it is important to you.

For example, "I will complete a 10K run in under 60 minutes by the end of this year to improve my fitness and challenge myself."

## **Alignment with Values:**

Ensure that your goals align with your core values and aspirations. Consider what is truly meaningful to you and what brings you a sense of fulfillment.

This alignment will enhance your motivation and commitment.

## **Realistic and Achievable:**

Set goals that are realistic and attainable based on your current circumstances, resources, and abilities.

Consider the time, effort, and resources required to achieve them while also challenging yourself to grow.

## **Identify Milestones:**

Break your goal into smaller milestones or checkpoints that mark your progress.

Each milestone should represent a significant step towards your ultimate goal.

## **Set Deadlines:**

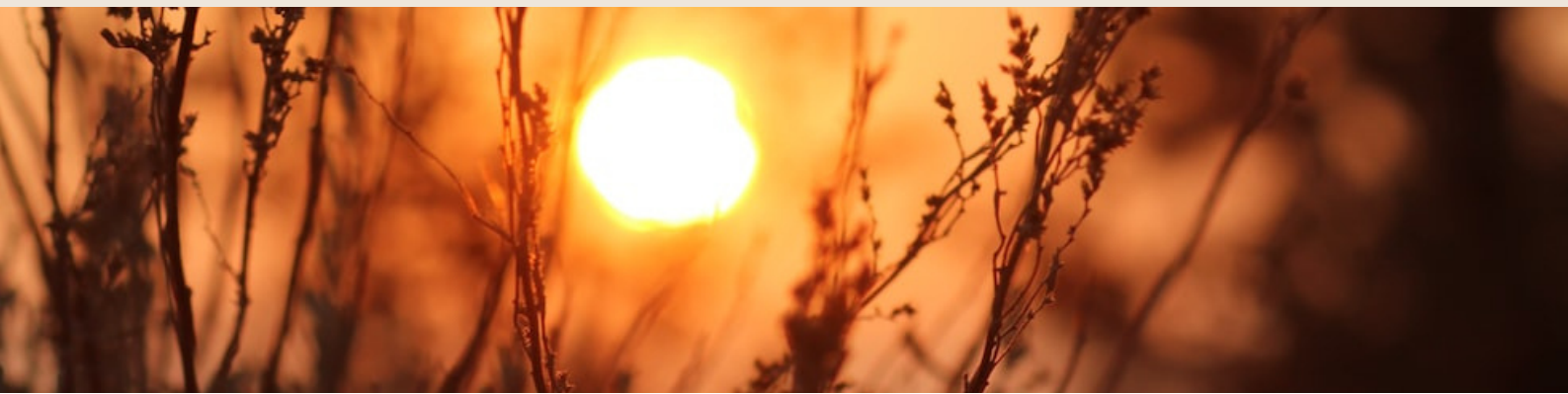
Assign realistic deadlines to each milestone to create a sense of urgency and keep yourself accountable.

These deadlines should be attainable yet challenging enough to maintain momentum.

## **Create an Action Plan:**

Break down each milestone into specific action steps. Identify the tasks, resources, and support needed to accomplish each step.

This will provide clarity and guide your efforts.





# TAKING CONSISTENT ACTION TOWARDS YOUR ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS



## **Daily Habits**

Identify daily habits that align with your goals and incorporate them into your routine. Consistent small actions over time can lead to significant progress.

For example, if your goal is to learn a new language, commit to studying for 30 minutes each day.

## **Accountability Systems**

Establish accountability systems to track your progress and keep yourself motivated. This can include regular check-ins with a mentor, joining a support group, or using goal-tracking apps to monitor your actions and achievements.

## **Overcome Procrastination**

Break down tasks into smaller, manageable chunks and focus on taking the first step. Set deadlines for yourself and hold yourself accountable.

Find strategies that work for you to overcome procrastination, such as setting timers, creating to-do lists, or utilizing the Pomodoro Technique.

## **Course Corrections**

Stay open to adjustments and adapt your approach as needed. If certain actions or strategies are not getting you the desired results, be willing to reassess and make necessary changes. Flexibility and learning from setbacks are crucial in the pursuit of long-term success.



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