

The Edge

Community Newsletter



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Welcome to August

Flee-Market 10am-1pm come support are community, come have some pancake breakfast as are voulounter fire fighter's are cooking up good food. Also there be thia food and veggies for sale.

Improve Your Life: 10 Things You Should Do Every Day

 Get out in nature. You probably seriously underestimate how important this is You probably seriously underestimate how important this is. (Actually, there's <u>research that says you do</u>.) Being in nature reduces <u>stress</u>, makes you more <u>creative</u>, improves your <u>memory</u> and may even <u>make</u> you a better person.

2) Exercise

We all know how important this is, but few people do it consistently. Other than health benefits too numerous to mention, exercise <u>makes</u> you <u>smarter</u>, <u>happier</u>, improves <u>sleep</u>, <u>increases libido</u> and <u>makes you feel better about your body</u>. A Harvard study that has tracked a group of men for more than 70 years identified it as <u>one of the secrets to a good life</u>.

3) Spend time with friends and family

Harvard happiness expert Daniel Gilbert identified this as one of the biggest sources of happiness in our lives.

Relationships are worth more than you think
(approximately an extra \$131,232 a year.) Not feeling socially connected can make you stupider and kill you.

Loneliness can lead to heart attack, stroke and diabetes. The longest lived people on the planet all place a strong emphasis on social engagement and good relationships are more important to a long life than even exercise. Friends are key to improving your life. Share good news and enthusiatically respond when others share good news with you to improve your relationships. Want to instantly be happier? Do something kind for them.

4) Express gratitude

It will make you happier.
It will improve your relationships.
It can make you a better person.
It can make life better for everyone around you.

Meditate

Meditation can increase <u>happiness</u>, <u>meaning in life</u>, <u>social support</u> and <u>attention span</u> while reducing <u>anger</u>, <u>anxiety</u>, <u>depression and fatigue</u>. Along similar lines, prayer can make you feel better — <u>even if you're not religious</u>.

Get enough sleep

You can't cheat yourself on sleep and not have it affect you. Being tired actually makes it harder to be happy. Lack of sleep = more likely to get sick. "Sleeping on it" does improve decision making. Lack of sleep can make you more likely to behave unethically. There is such a thing as beauty sleep. Naps are great too. Naps increase alertness and performance on the job, enhance learning ability and purge negative emotions while enhancing positive ones. Here's how to improve your naps.

Challenge yourself

Learning another language can keep your mind sharp. Music lessons increase intelligence. Challenging your beliefs strengthens your mind. Increasing willpower just takes a little effort each day and it's more responsible for your success than IQ. Not getting an education or taking advantage of opportunities are two of the things people look back on their lives and regret the most.

Laugh

People who use humor to cope with stress <u>have better</u> immune systems, reduced risk of heart attack and stroke, experience less pain during dental work and live <u>longer</u>. Laughter should be like a <u>daily vitamin</u>. Just reminiscing about funny moments can <u>improve your</u> relationship. Humor has <u>many benefits</u>.

Touch someone

Touching can <u>reduce stress</u>, improve <u>team performance</u>, and help you <u>be persuasive</u>. Hugs make you <u>happier</u>. Sex may help prevent <u>heart attacks</u> and <u>cancer</u>, improve your <u>immune system</u> and <u>extend your life</u>.

Be optimistic

Optimism can make you <u>healthier</u>, <u>happier</u> and <u>extend your</u> <u>life</u>. The Army teaches it in order to <u>increase mental</u> toughness in soldiers.

Being overconfident improves performance.

Registered charities in Canada perform valuable work in our communities, and Canadians support this work in many ways.

The Edge's Registered Charity #86745 45 RR0001. We welcome regular givers.

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