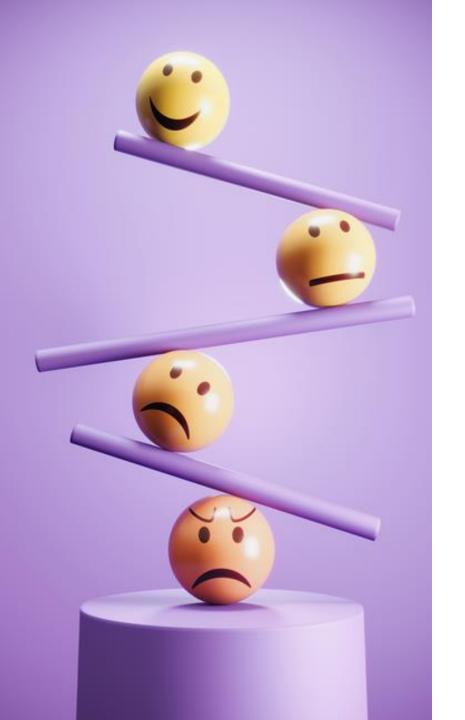


# The Power of Positive Thinking

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# **AGENDA**

The Positives of Positivity
The Negatives of Negativity
Cognitive Distortion
How to incorporate positive thinking into your life





## WHY BE POSITIVE?

#### Benefits of being positive

- Better quality of life
- Higher energy levels
- Faster recovery from injury or illness
  - Fewer colds
- Better stress management and coping skills
- Longer life span
- Lower risk of heart disease
- Higher work performance

## People can change!



https://www.healthline.com/health/how-to-think-positive#overviewhttps://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/the-power-of-positive-thinking



#### **NEGATIVE THINKING SIDE EFFECTS**

#### **Negative thinking and emotions**

- May lead to depression and anxiety
- Trigger stress hormone release
- · Affect our metabolism
- Affect our immune function

#### **Symptoms**

- Headache
- Body aches
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Difficulty sleeping

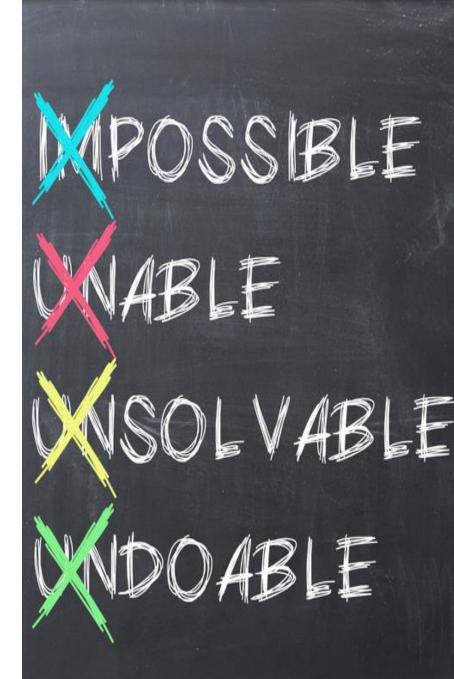
#### Higher risk of

- Heart disease
- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Dementia



## **Identify your cognitive distortions**

- Polarization
- Overgeneralization
- Catastrophizing
  - Minimizing
  - Mental filtering
- Personalization
- Mind Reading
- Should Statements





# **Identify a positive**

Positive self-talk

#### **Attitude of Gratitude**

Gratitude Journal

\*\*It's not about ignoring hard times; it's about helping ourselves through them



#### Smile and laugh!

#### **Laughter IS stress management:**

- It relaxes our body
- It boosts immune system
- It releases endorphins
- It helps our heart
- It improves mood
- It shifts perspective

#### Be mindful of social media and news





# Identify areas to change

## **Practice healthy habits**

- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Sleep
- Stress Management

#### **Get Outdoors**

Surround yourself with positive

people

Be kind

**Check yourself** 







#### **SUMMARY**

Treat yourself like you would a friend in need.

Pick one small step you can take today and build on that.

Practice, practice!

Don't take yourself too seriously!



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#### LIFESTYLE REWARDS

- True or False: You have to be positive all the time to practice positivity
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 2. What was one of the cognitive distortions mentioned?
  - a. Polarization
  - b. Maximizing
- 3. How does laughter improve our health?
  - a. It increases blood pressure
  - b. It relaxes our body

<sup>\*\*</sup>If your company has elected questions for lifestyle rewards, it will be noted when you submit on your myhealthcheck360 account.\*\*



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