



Creating Balance and Self-Care in Our Professional and Personal Life

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The importance of self care

"Today, self-care in the workplace is a mandate, not a luxury. In order to be our best selves for our colleagues and peers, we must develop strategies for integrating 'self-care' into our workplaces. All too often we find ourselves sacrificing elements of personal care for what we believe to be the betterment of a work product, timeline or other conceived objective. However, the long-term implications of consistent deprioritization of self-care are stress, anxiety, and frustration." Erica O'Brien (2019)

Redefining Self-care

We often think of 'self-care' as a connection to yourself, with special attention to a physical sense of wellbeing. Yet, within the workplace, self-care extends to being attuned to how you can be the most constructive, authentic and effective version of yourself. By reframing this concept of self-care, we are better able to create goals and tactics which align with this new definition or reframe.

7 Habits of Highly Effective People

- Written by Stephen R. Covey
- A self-improvement book.
- Written on Covey's belief that the way we see the world is entirely based on our own perceptions.
- "In order to change a given situation, we must change ourselves, and in order to change ourselves, we must be able to change our perceptions."

Stephen R. Covey



Physical	Emotional/Mental
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Social	Spiritual
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Physical Wellbeing

- The goal of continuous physical improvement is to exercise our body in a way that will enhance our capacity to work, adapt, and enjoy.
- To renew ourselves physically, we must:
 - Eat well
 - Get sufficient rest and relaxation
 - Exercise on a regular basis to build endurance, flexibility, and strength
- Focusing on the physical dimension helps develop muscles of proactivity. We act based on the value of well-being instead of reacting to the forces that keep us from healthy sleep, eat and exercise.

Emotional/ Mental Wellbeing

- The goal of renewing our mental health is to continue expanding our mind.
- To renew yourself mentally, you can:
 - Read good literature
 - Keep a journal of your thoughts, experiences,
 - and insights
 - Limit television watching to only those programs that enrich your life and mind
- Focusing on our mental dimension helps us practice managing ourselves effectively to maximize the use of our time and resources.



- The goal of renewing ourselves socially is to develop meaningful relationships and to tap into our child/fun side.
- To renew yourself emotionally, you can:
 - Seek to deeply understand other people
 Make contributions to meaningful projects that
 improve the lives of others (volunteer/clubs)
 Enhance communication skills (watch approach)
 What hobbies did you lose or want to learn?
- Renewing our social and emotional dimension helps us practice healthy habits by recognizing that Win-Win solutions do exist, seeking to understand others, and finding mutually beneficial third alternatives through synergy. And we have fun in life....personally and professionally ©

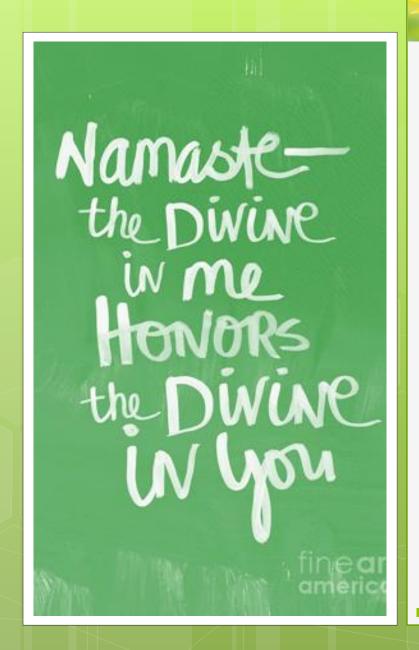
Spiritual Wellbeing

- The goal of renewing our spiritual self is to provide leadership to our life and reinforce your commitment to our value system. To find inner peace.
- To renew yourself spiritually, you can:
 Tap into personal faith based practices
 Practice daily meditation
 Communicate with nature
 Immerse yourself in great literature or music
- A focus on our spiritual dimension helps us practice healthy habits, as we continuously revise and commit ourselves to our values, so we can begin with the end in mind.











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