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Could Optimism Be the Secret to
Living a Longer, Happier Life? Scientific

research now confirms the secret ingredient to a longer life—an optimistic attitude. And there's more, a Dutch study found that optimistic people live longer; in fact, almost 30% longer than pessimists. Scientists found an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, heart attack, stroke, and weakening of the immune system associated with pessimism.

Set Specific Goals. A study of py people found and consistently

hapthey set goals take action.



Use a positive voice. Use Positive Language. Use upbeat words: opportunity, challenge, recharging, success, can do, solution.

Practice Good Posture. Optimists have good posture, stand tall, walk briskly, and take big steps.

Focus on Solutions. When a difficult situation comes up, focus on the solution, and put it into action.

Be A Role Model. When you act as a role model for your co-workers, employees, family, and friends, you'll become more optimistic.

Just by applying these six steps to your life, you can change your thinking, and reduce your risk of physical illness and live a longer, and more fulfilling life. A famous Henry Ford quote, "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't – you're right," emphasizes how much attitude determines success or failure. Other famous quotes to think about as you start the new year are:

It's never too late to become who you want to be. I hope you live a life that you're proud of, and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over.—
F. Scott FitzgeraldCheers

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.—Oprah Winfrey

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

—Winston Churchill like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.—Thomas Jefferson Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book.

Write a good one.—Brad Paisley

Tranquility in the middle of the city at Lady Bird Lake (previously Town Lake)



Around Town

THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH ONE STEP -

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Forward to Spring

Spring will be here before you know it. To help get ready for the chores ahead, here are some nifty tips to make cleaning more environmentally friendly.

From your kitchen pantry, get out the following:

Vinegar - Clean scum and almost everything else

Sugar - Remove grass stain, grease, grime

Salt - Stain remover, sanitizer

Ketchup - Shine metal, deodorizes

Vodka - Kill germs, remove grease

Walnuts –Remove scratches from wood

Coffee -Remove odors

Coke – Remove rust, shine porcelain

Lemon - Brighten white laundry

Soda – Clean tarnished jewelry

Coconut Oil – Furniture polish

For complete uses go to:

https://www.mashed.com/77541/foodsactually-great-clean/?zergnet=1

Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Tips for Daily Living (or Not)

If your blood pressure is high, cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes thus reducing the pressure on your veins.

If you place a loaded mouse trap on top of your alarm clock, you will quickly learn not to roll over and hit the snooze button.

If you want to avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables, get someone else to hold them while you chop.

If you use the sink, no one can get mad because you left the seat up.

f it doesn't move, and it should, use WD-40

f it shouldn't move and does, use duct tape.



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