#### Attitudes of Gratitude

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## The Magic Word

- The good things in life
- The things that bring us joy
- It affects our health, our future, our families



Gnatifude is the best Affitude

## Close your Eyes

- Let your imagine run wild
- For what are you grateful?
- Meditate
- Keep a diary, a journal, post pictures, write





#### Life's Little Lessons

- Learn to be grateful for what you already have
- Be thankful for what you have while you pursue all that you want
- Focus on what you want in life
- Act as if it has already happened

- Determine what you are prepared to offer
- Establish the exact date
- Develop a clear plan
- Read the written statement out loud two times daily



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## Start at the Beginning

- Your parents
- Your family
- Your friends/mentors/neighbors/business partners



## The Uniqueness

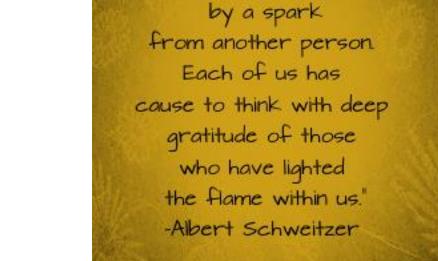
- Our culture
- Our diversity
- Our knowledge, skills, and abilities





#### Nutrition for the Mind

- You are what you read
- You are who you surround yourself with



'At times our own light

goes out and is rekindled



#### What is Health?

- More than the absence of disease
- Your responsibility
- Depends on you, and your attitude toward your most vulnerable commodity





#### Gratitude for Health

- Stress buster: helps us to manage stressors
- Immune booster: more optimistic
- Adversity: sense of increased belonging (post 9/11)

## What you can do...

- Strive to balance and integrate your physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects
- Establish respectful, cooperative relationships with your family, friends, community, and the environment
- Gather information and make informed wellness-oriented choices
- Actively participate in your health decisions and healing process.

## Your TEAM

- The physical you requires good nutrition, appropriate weight, beneficial exercise and adequate rest.
- The emotional you needs to give and receive forgiveness, love and compassion; needs to laugh and experience happiness; needs joyful relationships with yourself and others.



## Your TEAM...

- The mental you needs self-supportive attitudes, positive thoughts and viewpoints and a positive self-image.
- The spiritual you requires inner calmness, openness to your creativity, and trust in your inner knowing.





## The Captain

- A comfortable, healthy balance between your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects doesn't happen accidentally.
- Someone has to be in charge, and that someone is always you.



## Ask yourself...

- Do you wake up with enthusiasm for the day ahead?
- Do you have the high energy you need to do what you want?
- Do you laugh easily and often, especially at yourself?

POSITIVE

ENERGY

#### And...

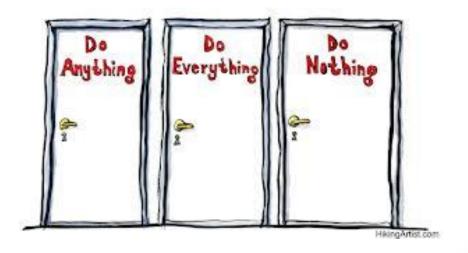
- Do you confidently find solutions for the challenges in your life?
- Do you feel valued and appreciated?
- Do you appreciate others and let them know it?
- Do you have a circle of warm, caring friends?





## Finally...

- Do the choices you make every day get you what you want?
- If you answered "no" to any of these questions, congratulations! You have identified areas in your life that you may want to change. This can be valuable information.



#### Attitude is...

- Disposition
- Perspective
- Viewpoint
- Outlook



"What we see depends mainly on what we look for." Sir John Lubbock

### The Shoes

# ATTITUDE

Many years ago.

a large American shoe manufacturer sent two of its salesmen to the isolated outback of Australia.

In a short time, the company received a telegram from each of the sales reps. One said, "No business here. Aborigines don't wear shoes."

The other said, "Great opportunity here!

Aborigines don't wear shoes!"

#### The Plan

- Keep your options open
- Cross pollinate
- Follow your heart's desire
- Live a little
- Visualize
- Be curious
- Network with like-minded people



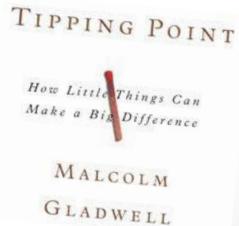
# Be a participant - not a spectator

- No one's life is perfect.
- We all have difficult situations, hard times, losses to deal with.
- Some people's lives seem to work better than others.
- Have you ever wondered why?



# The Tipping Point

- Malcolm Gladwell tells us that change is possible
- Forces come together that result in large-scale change



#### Julia Cameron

 "Bless not only the road but the bumps on the road. They are all part of the higher journey."



#### A Servant Leader

- Listen
- Appreciate
- Respect
- Develop
- Unleash



## Be your own Cheerleader

Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure."

-Oprah Winfrey





Within the characters for thanks and feelings are embedded the symbols for heart and speech. From the heart, with feeling, I express my gratitude.

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