GAIN MENTAL CLARITY

CHECKLIST



The Different Kinds of Mental Clutter and What Can Trigger It

Five Kinds of mental clutter

- Negative self-talk
 - Creates a significant amount of mental clutter
- Worrying
 - Chronic worrying can become addictive
- o Fear
 - Dread regarding a unknown situation
- Guilt or shame
 - Unhappy about a decision we've made in the past
 - Can cause you to become angry and resentful
- Regret
 - Bad decisions we've made previously

Various things can trigger mental clutter

- The news
 - Causes unnecessary guilt, worry, and stress
- Money
 - Causes fear, worry, and even regret
- The past
 - Everyone has made mistakes they regret
- Your current habits

Letting Go of the Past

Recognize why it's important to let go of the past

- Releases you of a burden
- Releases you of resentment
- o Brings you more understanding
- o Requires you to forgive yourself

You have to stop playing the victim

- Playing the victim is a sign of weakness
- o Allows others to have control over you

Exercise your mind with positive affirmations

- o Improve your self-esteem
- o Improve your self-confidence

- Should repeat positive affirmations daily Say what you feel
- Bottle up your thoughts will lead to anger Look to the past for positivity
 - Must reorient your relationship with the past

The Power of Positive Thinking

The brain and optimistic thoughts

- o Stimulates the growth of neural connections
- Development of these connections slows as we age
- Positive thinking allows you mind to function more efficiently
- Can process thoughts more quickly
- Are more alert

You are what you think

- Your thoughts lead to action or inaction
- o Can see your world as a better place
- Negative thoughts will limit what you can produce and will stop you from growing

How to become more positive

- o Things you can learn yourself
- o Allows you to see both the good and bad in a situation
- o Difference between being blindly optimistic and being realistic
- Many things you can do to become more positive
 - Volunteer your time
 - Write down what you're grateful for
 - Be kinder

How to Improve your Focus

Why focus is important

- Set goals based on your preferences
- Make more certain choices based on your goals
- o Figure out the path that will lead you to success
- o Find greater motivation to achieve your larger goals

What causes you to lose focus

- Eating too much sugar
- Not eating enough good fats
- Dehydration
- o Low levels of essential minerals

Ways to Clear the Mind Clutter

Practice mindful breathing techniques

Working out regularly

- Increases self-esteem
- o Eases the symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Improves sleep
- Provides you with a sense of control
- Enhances mood
- Increases optimism

Start writing more down

- Keep a daily to-do list
 - Steps you need to take to accomplish goals
- Write down your worries
- Details about a relationship that might be straining your mental energy

Read a book

Keep a list

Say no to interruptions

Quit procrastinating