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People are constantly working to make real improvements in the world. New waves of communication and better technology have lead to increased life spans and seemingly better lives.

While there are many positives when it comes to modern life, the downside is that sometimes people try to cram too many things into one day. In this fast paced world, stress may get the better of you and you might have trouble looking on the bright side.

Scheduling Downtime

You may feel like you should always be doing something productive. However, ***taking care of yourself is ultimately the most productive thing you can do.*** When you've given yourself proper rest and permission to do whatever you want once in awhile, you'll be better able to focus great efforts on the other things in your life that matter.

People that schedule downtime for themselves clearly have lower stress levels. ***Allow yourself a proper amount of time for rest.*** Get 6-8 hours of sleep at night and avoid the temptation to stay up doing something else with that time.

You should also allow yourself a portion of the day where you get to do whatever you want. Even when time is short, let yourself enjoy a few minutes of total relaxation sometime during the day to rejuvenate.

Scheduling proper downtime also gives you time for reflection. When you reflect on your life, you can concentrate on the meaning of it all. You'll be more likely to truly enjoy your journey. ***It's so easy to let life pass you by if you don't take some time to reflect.***

Concentrating On Attitude

Thinking positively is something you can choose to do regardless of your circumstances in life. Everyone struggles with it from time to time, and you owe it to yourself to focus on having a positive attitude.

A positive attitude is the foundation for a good life. Your outlook will allow you to enjoy all the craziness and will equip you to deal with the stressful parts. When negative thinking creeps up, just think about the things that are going right. You can also visualize how it'll feel when things turn around for the better.

Keeping Up

In a fast paced life, you can definitely take certain steps to slow your life down, but you can also work on being able to keep up!

Make a list of the areas where you're having trouble balancing. Brainstorm actions that you can take to improve your ability to cope.

For example, if you struggle to complete your tasks at work, see what you can do to fix this challenge. Maybe you can do one of your projects more efficiently. Perhaps you can rearrange your schedule to take care of the more stressful tasks first, leaving the least stressful for the end of the day when you're ready to unwind.

Dealing with Stress

Stress in your day-to-day life is nearly unavoidable. However, ***it's how you deal with the stress that counts.*** It's important for you to *not* let it build up, or it could lead to greater issues in the long run.

Do what you can to relieve your stress in a healthy way. Work on relaxation and breathing techniques. If you're more socially inclined, venting to a close friend can help you deal with stress. As long as you're doing *something* to relieve your stress, you'll be able to jump back into your fast paced life with a positive attitude.

Just because the world we live in is hectic, it doesn't mean that your life needs to be that way also. When you use these tips, you'll find it a lot easier to remain positive and enjoy a stress-free life.