The Power of Optimism

Key Definitions

**Optimism** - an inclination to put the most favorable construction upon actions and events or to anticipate the best possible outcome.

**Pessimism** - an inclination to emphasize adverse aspects, conditions, and possibilities or to expect the worse possible outcome.

**Realism** - concern for fact or reality and rejection of the impractical and visionary.

**Worry** - to torment one’s self with disturbing thoughts; to choke or to strangle.

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NOTABLE OPTIMISTIC THOUGHTS:

“The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity and the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

Abraham Lincoln

“The only disability in life is a bad attitude.”

Scott Hamilton

“Being an optimist does not mean being a ‘Pollyanna, hear-no-evil-see-no-evil’ type. There is a soft-headed type of thinking that masquerades as optimism, but it is quite different from the practical (tough-minded) approach that brings success.”

Alan Loy McGinnis

“I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else.”

Winston Churchill

“I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat…”

“’You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: It is victory, victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival.”

Winston Churchill

His first address as Prime Minister from the House of Commons to his countrymen on Sunday night, May 1940

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right!”

Henry Ford

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Benefits of Being an Optimist

- Superior health
- Greater achievement
- Persistence
- Emotional health
- Increased longevity
- Less stress
- Victorious in failure
- More self-confidence
- Adapt easily to change
- Improved performance in every area
- Inspires others

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How To Become An Optimist

Part one: It’s all in your head!

- Expose yourself to right thoughts
- Remain open-minded
- Stay well-informed
- Focus on successes......minimize failures
- Visualize yourself optimistic

Part two: Actions speak louder than words!

- Speak positive affirmations
- Utilize positive self-talk
- Become pro-active
- Perform good deeds
- Network with optimistic people

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