Invest in self-care for better well-being



When you think about self-care, what comes to mind? Taking a nap, reading a book or even exercising might come to mind but self-care goes beyond just the occasional rest and relaxation we all need to feel our best.

Here are some key areas of life in which you can practice self-care to help you feel your best and boost your well-being:

- **Physical** eating healthy, staying active and sleeping 7-9 hours daily.
- **Emotional** feeling positive emotions such as gratitude, peace and happiness by finding activities and people you enjoy.
- Mental practicing mindfulness, self-compassion and positive thinking.
- Spiritual prioritizing your personal values to align
 with your life and by taking time to embrace the present,
 nature, yourself and loved ones.
- Intellectual continuing to be inspired and learn new things, enjoying hobbies and other fun activities and focusing on things that interest you.
- Environment finding ways to make your space (no matter the size!) comforting and healing by keeping it clean, safe and uniquely you.
- **Social** building healthy relationships in which you can be yourself and have meaningful connections with others.
- **Financial** being mindful of your budget and saving for unexpected expenses to help alleviate stress.

Find time each day to care for yourself — you'll feel better for it.

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