

8 Great Benefits of Gratitude

Express gratitude every day and reap the benefits! Here are eight key benefits of expressing gratitude all year round.

1. Improves your attitude.

Expressing gratitude makes you feel more positive and optimistic which can reduce stress and helps to improve your overall mental fortitude.

2. Builds stronger relationships.

A simple thank-you lays the groundwork for a stronger relationship whether you're expressing gratitude to a loved one or to a stranger. Saying 'thanks' is a way to acknowledge a person for their help which makes them feel special and makes them like you more.

3. Improves your mental health.

The next time you feel upset or frustrated, write down what you're thankful for. Studies show that expressing gratitude helps you to deal better with your emotions and may even reduce depression.*

4. Enjoy better physical health.

Studies show a strong correlation between gratitude and health. Put simply, people who are thankful tend to be healthier. Not only do they exercise more often and visit the doctor annually for their checkups, they also report feeling healthier as well.*



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6. Sleep better.

Jotting down what you're thankful for each day boosts your mood and reduces your stress, which can help you sleep better at night.*

7. Increase your empathy for others.

Gratitude may make you more sensitive toward other people's feelings. Studies show that grateful people are less likely to resort to retaliation when they experience negativity from others.*

8. Feel happier!

Gratitude positively impacts your overall well-being, making you happier and more satisfied with your life.

*Source: Forbes, 7 Scientifically Proven Benefits of Gratitude That Will Motivate You To Give Thanks Year-Round, November 23, 2014

Want to Learn More About *Gratitude*? Check out these 3 books!

1. *Thanks!: How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier*

by Robert Emmons, Ph.D. explains the science behind the benefits of expressing gratitude.

2. *Gratitude:*

A Way of Life by Louise L. Hay is a series of essays about the power of incorporating gratitude into every day.

3. *Gratitude:*

A Journal by Catherine Price is a journal in which to record what you're grateful for each day. Stay inspired with quotes and writing prompts.

