# Happiness at Work



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# What do you think?



## Objectives

- Explore beliefs about happiness
- Learn how positivity impacts success
- Understand the impact of attitude & perception
- Understand how to increase happiness
- Overcome challenges & difficulties
- Understand the impact of happiness

#### What do we think about happiness?

- Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.
- The secret to happiness is to do what you like. The secret to success is to like what you do.
  - Happiness is a journey...not a destination
  - Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get

# Success and Happiness

"I will be happy when....."



## Positivity and Success

Over 200 studies on 275,000 people worldwide show:

- Higher levels of productivity
- Success in every domain: marriage, health, friendship, community involvement, creativity, jobs, businesses and careers
- Higher Sales
- Better Performance in Leadership positions
- Higher performance ratings

- Higher pay
- More job security
- Less sick days
- Less likely to quit
- Less burnout

Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative...



As you think, so shall you be...

Beliefs Dictate Actions	
Gratitude	Норе
Optimism	Resilience



The sheer POWER of expectation...





Find meaning in your work & connect to the larger picture.

"Fake it 'til you make it"



# Perspective

What you focus on becomes your reality.



#### Growth From Challenges & Difficulties

Taking a difficult situation & creating good from it:

- What can be learned from the experience?
- How can I use this new knowledge to my benefit?



# Manageable Goals

- Break your project/assignment into smaller goals
- Believe your control lies inside vs. outside yourself



#### Social Interaction

- Eye contact
- Sharing good times
- Feeling cared about
  - Let others know what you need



#### How to increase feelings of happiness

- Meditate
- Find something to look forward to
- Commit conscious acts of kindness



#### How to increase feelings of happiness

- Lace positivity into your environment
- Exercise
- Spend money on others or experiences
- Make use of your unique skills/talents/character strengths



#### Now back to the bank...



# The Importance of positive reinforcement

- Affirmations at work
- Recognitions



### Impact at Work

- See more opportunities, be more creative
- Primed to see positives
- Regain control over self
- Reaching personal goals
- Social support



## Summary

- As you think, so shall you be...
- Your attitude dictates your reality
- Organize your work & manage it rather than the other way around
- We can grow from difficulties we experience
- Social experiences are of the utmost importance
- There is a ripple effect to your actions.

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