

HOW TO ACHIEVE LIFE BALANCE
IN A WORLD THAT'S FOREVER
GETTING FASTER

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A WORKBOOK FOR

BRINGING YOUR LIFE BACKINTO BALANCE

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21ST CENTURY LIFE IS FAST, DEMANDING AND DISSIPATED ACROSS REAL AND DIGITAL WORLDS. IS FINDING BALANCE IN LIFE POSSIBLE, OR IS IT JUST A MYTH?



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Today's fast-moving world has made it harder than ever to achieve balance in the frenetic lives of millions of people all around the globe.

But what if it was possible to stop the unwanted cycle of stress, fatigue and frustration and bring balance back into your life? Is life balance genuinely possible, or is it just a cruel and heartless myth?

A few years ago, I learned the hard way that nothing in life is ever as chaotic as it seems. Nothing is worth diminishing our health over. Nothing is worth casting ourselves into a pit of anxiety, stress, and personal chaos.

At times in the past, I have physically and mentally exhausted myself through working irregular 12-14 hour days. Throughout this season in my life, I was committed to reaching given targets, beating company records, achieving personal bests and fighting my way up the corporate food chain.

I can vaguely remember a conversation with an old colleague on this subject. At one point in the discussion I said 'Yeah, but what can you do, a man's gotta eat!' and he answered, 'There's always something you can change, and there's always something you can do.'

Although this statement was very simple, it hit home and resonated with me on a very deep level. As I thought about it, I recognised what I had just heard was true. We all have a choice about how we invest or waste the time that is given to us.

We each have moments when we allow others to cause us to react emotionally, especially in anger or frustration (at times when we're not getting the things we want). Usually, we regret these responses later, and we vow never to allow ourselves to behave in this way again.

Those in life, who learn to manage themselves and their time are those who often go on to accomplish great things. There's an ancient Chinese proverb that states;

'The person who can manage themselves, is an individual who's fit enough to govern a nation.'

When we become entrenched in a busy, high-stress, and diary-filled lifestyle, we tend not to look outside of our trench. Unless something shakes us up, we can easily fail to see even the most practical options that are available to us to bring calm and balance back into our lives.

Although we each have different interpretations of what work-life balance looks like, most people, in principle, hold a similar view of what life balance means: to have time available for doing the things we're passionate about, outside of a work-focused environment.

Life balance could mean spending more time with family, more time on self-development, time socialising with friends and community or even having more time to spend at the gym getting into better physical shape.

There are a few occasions during our brief time on planet Earth when we experience great flashes of personal insight, great moments of truth that immediately change the course of our lives forever. Most of those experiences result from our most significant life failures, not from our biggest successes.



Failures can teach lasting lessons that completely transform our perspective towards life and especially life balance.

People often assume that achieving life balance is about making radical life changes, but this is seldom true. Drastic life changes will always take time and can often be difficult to implement. For most of us, it's wiser to adopt the mantra "one step at a time", because making minor adjustments in the way we live our lives can end up having a huge long-term impact.

So, having read this far, I'm hoping that you have some idea about areas in your life that you'd like to make these adjustments. But if not, read on, and you'll have a chance to identify where you'd like to focus.

The following exercise will help you to break your life down into seven primary areas so that you can highlight the specific areas in your life that are currently out of balance and therefore identify the likely causes of your stress and frustration.

People with a healthy life balance have clear prioritisation between work, which combines their career, education and ambitions and lifestyle, which incorporates their health, leisure and relationships.

No one in life is perfect, and no one will ever achieve complete contentment in all of their main life areas. However, it's always possible to establish a better life balance - and this is what you're about to do!

"My point is, life is about balance. The good and the bad. The highs and the lows. The pina and the colada."

Ellen DeGeneres

Life balance is an ongoing process, which will always be shaped by the strategies that we use to manage our lives. It's within these strategies that we often wind up misplacing our priorities and find ourselves falling out of balance.

This questionnaire has been developed to give you a holistic overview of all your seven most important life areas, before identifying the particular life areas in which you need to make immediate improvements.

An ancient proverb says, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." You've probably known people reaching the end of their life's journey who looked back on the life they'd lived, and said, "If only I'd done things differently... If only I'd made better choices... If only I'd spent more time with my family or children ..."

Unfulfilled lives are always filled with "If onlys". These are the last words of those people who let life happen to them, rather than living it. Life is full of countless opportunities, for great successes and even more significant failures.

It's up to you to take the initiative, to make use of each opportunity that comes your way. Because if you don't, you stand at risk of being condemned to a life of mediocrity and regret — and no-one want's this!





The late personal development expert Stephen Covey once suggested that:

'Without a clear focus on our guiding values and priorities, each of us runs a real risk of successfully climbing a very long ladder only to find it leaning against the wrong wall.'

This is why our core priorities are worth regular consideration, repeatedly, habitually and anytime we're about to devote time and energy to a new given pursuit.

Areas of Importance:

- · Social & Family Relationships
- · Career & Educational Aspirations
- · Money & Personal Finances
- · Physical Health, Recreation & Leisure
- · Life's Routine Responsibilities
- · Giving Back to Society & Contribution
- · Mental, Emotional & Inner Wellbeing

The importance placed on these life areas will differ from person to person. However, if we can maintain an element of focus in all of our life areas, we will be more likely to achieve this healthy life balance.

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"Grow with discipline. Balance intuition with rigor. Innovate around the core. Don't embrace the status quo. Find new ways to see. Never expect a silver bullet. Get your hands dirty. Listen with empathy and overcommunicate with transparency. Tell your story, refusing to let others define you. Use authentic experiences to inspire. Stick to your values, they are your foundation. Make the tough choices; it's how you execute that counts. Be decisive in times of crisis. Be nimble. Find truth in trials and lessons in mistakes. Be responsible for what you see, hear, and do. Believe."

— Howard Schultz





MAIN LIFE AREA 1:

SOCIAL AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

1	My family relationships are very important to me	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
2	I am satisfied with my family relationships	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
3	I am close to my parents, and our relationships are healthy.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
4	I am close to my children, and our relationships are healthy.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
5	The people who matter the most in my life accept me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
6	Social relationships are important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
7	I am satisfied with my social relationships	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
8	I have close friendships with people I can be myself around.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
9	I have a good (real world) social network/ am part of social gr	roups. Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
LO	I am good at connecting with new people.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
11	I get along with my neighbours and the people in my area.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
L2	How satisfied are you with your romantic relationship/s?	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
L3	How satisfied are you with your romantic relationship/s?	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree			
ote	otes: Write a personal vision statement about about an area/s in your relationships that you'd like to make changes in:				
		"Man maintains his balance, poise, and			
		sense of security only as he is moving			
		forward." - Maxwell Maltz			



Work through the questions & grade your answers from 1 – 10 circling or highlighting the number that feels

"There is no decision that we can make

that doesn't come with some sort of

balance or sacrifice." - Simon Sinek

right to you, be instinctive and don't agonise over it.

MAIN LIFE AREA 2:

CAREER & EDUCATION ASPIRATIONS

1	Achievements are important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
2	I am satisfied with my career achievements to date	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
3	How fulfilled are you in your current work environment?	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
4	I look forward to going to work each day	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
5	I look forward to going to work each day	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
6	I have a healthy & rewarding work/ life balance.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
7	My career is offering me advancement and reward	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
8	Strong working relationships are important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
9	I am happy with my current working relationships	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
10	My working environment is positive and supportive	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
11	Do you find contentment and fulfilment in your current career?	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
12	I would urgently like a career change.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
13	If I died today, I would be happy with the legacy I'll leave behind.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
lote	es: Write a personal vision statement about about an area/s in your career or edu	cation that you'd like to make changes in:



MAIN LIFE AREA 3:

MONEY & PERSONAL FINANCES

1	Being financially capable is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
2	I am content with my current financial effectiveness.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
3	I have enough money to meet my current wants.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
4	I have enough money to meet my current needs.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
5	I know my exact monthly outgoings.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
6	I always know what's in my bank account/s.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
7	Being generous to others is important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
8	Being generous to others is important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
9	I am satisfied with how much I give to others	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
10	Charitable contribution is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
11	I am satisfied with how charitable I currently am.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
12	I am willing to step out of my comfort zone & take new risks to gene more income.	erate
13 Vote	I worry a lot about my current financial situation. Ses: Write a personal vision statement about about an area/s in your	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree r personal finances that you'd like to make changes in:
		"To establish balance in our personal
		finances, it's crucial that we learn to
		live within our means." - Kain Ramsay



MAIN LIFE AREA 4:

HEALTH, RECREATION & LEISURE

1	Establishing a healthy work/ life balance is very important to	ome. Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
2	I worry a lot about my current financial situation	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
3	Physical health is critical to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
4	I am very happy with my current physical health	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
5	I am very happy with my current physical fitness levels.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
6	Having plenty of 'free' time is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
7	I am very content with the amount of free time I have.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
8	My physical appearance is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
9	I am content with my current physical appearance.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
10	I can handle my stress and anxiety levels effectively.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
11	I very much enjoy life outside of work/study.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
12	I am able to do things I enjoy frequently.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
13	I have room for improvements in my life outside of work and	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree	
Notes: Write a personal vision statement about about an area/s in your personal/social life that you'd like to make changes in:			
		"If you're interested in balancing work &	
		pleasure, stop! Instead, make your work	
		more pleasurable." - Donald Trump	



MAIN LIFE AREA 5:

LIFE'S ROUTINE RESPONSIBILITIES

		simple disciplines that are practiced
		"Success is nothing more than a few
lote	es: Write a vision statement about about how you could become	e more efficient in managing your routine responsibilities:
12	My life would be so much easier if I were more disciplined in managing my routine responsibilities around the home.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
11	I worry a lot about my routine responsibilities.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
	managing my routine responsibilities.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
10	Home life would be easier if I had a better system in place fo	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
9	Dealing with home issues promptly is important to me.	
8	I am satisfied with my current home environment.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
7	A well-managed home environment is essential to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
6	I am satisfied with how I prioritise my responsibilities	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
5	Prioritizing my responsibilities is important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
4	I could be more disciplined in managing my bills & other impresponsibilities.	ortant Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
3	I am disciplined in paying my routine household bills.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
2	I am satisfied with how I currently handle routine tasks.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
1	Managing routine tasks around the home is important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree



MAIN LIFE AREA 6:

CONTRIBUTION & GIVING BACK TO SOCIETY

1	My life would be so much easier if I were more disciplined in managing my routine responsibilities around the home.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
2	I am satisfied with how much I currently give back to society.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
3	I regularly make a positive impact in the lives of other people.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
4	I am satisfied with the amount of difference I make in the lives of others.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
5	Leaving behind a meaningful legacy is important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
6	I am happy with the current legacy that I would leave behind.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
7	I encourage and support those closest to me often.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
8	My time is mainly spent focussing on myself and my immediate needs.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
9	I get involved with and support a social initiative that I genuinely believe in	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
10	Those closest to me find great value in me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
11	My peers or co-workers find great value in me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
12	Someday my children will be proud of the way in which I've lived my life.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
13	I could make more effort in contributing back to society.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
lotes: Write a personal vision statement about about how you could begin making a greater impact in your calture or society:		
	"Try not	to become a person of success,
	but rathe	er try to become a person of
	value." -	Albert Einstein



MAIN LIFE AREA 7:

MENTAL, EMOTIONAL & SPIRITU

MENTAL, EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL HEALTH		Work through the questions & grade your answers from 1 – 10 circling or highlighting the number that feels right to you, be instinctive and don't agonise over it.
1	Being mentally healthy and strong is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
2	I currently feel I am very mentally healthy and strong.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
3	Being emotionally healthy and strong is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
4	I currently feel I am very emotionally healthy and strong.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
5	I am confident and secure in who I am as a person.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
6	The way in which I am currently living my life is very fulfilling.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
7	I am very content with the way in which I am currently living my life	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
8	Being spiritually healthy and strong is very important to me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
9	I currently feel I am very spiritually healthy and strong.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
10	I regularly invest time into developing myself spiritually.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
11	I am consistently competent at managing my emotions. I have good self-control.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
12	My emotions will often manage me. I am undisciplined in self-contr	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
13	Negative and destructive emotions will often get the 'better' of me.	Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Agree
Not	es: Write a personal vision statement about how you can begin develop	oing yourself mentally, emotionally and spiritually:
		uccessful man is one who can lay a
		foundation with the bricks others
	have	e thrown at him." - David Brinkley



GENERAL LIFE-EVALUATION QUESTIONS	Q4) What immediate changes do you need to make to bring more balance into your life?
Q1) Summarise what your ideal life would be like.	
Q2) What are the main challenges (or difficulties) that you're facing in bringing your life back into balance?	
	Q5) What words might other people use to describe you? (In relation to how balanced you are)
Q3) What areas of your life are working really well for you at the moment? (e.g., Family, work, fitness etc)	
	"Success is a lousy teacher in life. It seduces smart people into believing that they
	't lose." - Bill Gates

FINAL EXERCISE:	VISION STATEMENT 4: Health, Recreation & Leisure
To finish of this workbook, write a personal vision	
statement for each of your 7 life areas.	
A personal vision statement is just 'the best case scenario'	
description of what you would like to achieve or	
accomplish in each of your main life area.	
Whatever you write down as your vision statements can become goals that you can commit to working towards	VISION STATEMENT 5: Life's Routine Responsibilities
over the next 6 - 12 months.	
VISION STATEMENT 1: Social & Family Relationships	
	,
	VISION STATEMENT 6: Contribution & Giving Back
VISION STATEMENT 2: Career & Educational Aspirations	
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VISION STATEMENT 3: Money & Personal Finances	VISION STATEMENT 7: Mental, Emotional & Spiritual Life



End of Wokbook Summary:

It's important to remember that life balance is an ongoing process and not just a means to an end. Life balance is much more than merely stating that you 'want something to happen' but is more about indicating the specifics of what you are GOING TO MAKE HAPPEN!

Unless you define the specific goals that you have for each of your main life areas, the chances of you achieving these goals will always be somewhat limited.

Hopefully by now, though, you have set some goals for yourself that are significant, meaningful, and will improve the quality of your life and others, once you have put in the hard work to achieve them.

So, the question I leave you with is, which of your seven main life areas are you going to bring back into balance first?



Notes.		

I hope that you've found this resource as helpful as what I found a similar workbook I stumbled upon years ago.

The best life's lived, are balanced life's, and to help you achieve this, I've created an extremely comprehensive life planning & goal setting online course which you can access through the Kain Ramsay: Strategic Life Coaching Academy.

To your future success,





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