**Your Comfort Zone is No Joke!**

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**What is a Comfort Zone?**

A comfort zone is a psychological state where a person feels safe, at ease, and in control1.

**Why Leave Your Comfort Zone?**

• Improves performance

• Self-actualization

• Fosters a growth mindset

• Increases resilience

*“Every life form seems to strive to its maximum except human beings. How tall will a tree grow? As tall as it possibly can.”*

*— Jim Rohn*

**Growth Mindset**

• Intelligence and abilities can be improved through effort and learning. Two belief systems:

• Fixed mindset: Belief in a fixed ceiling on growth, often driven by fear of failure.

• Growth mindset: Belief that growth is malleable, and we can expand what’s possible by taking healthy risks.

***When was the last time you did something for the first time?***

**What Keeps Us Trapped in Our Comfort Zones?**

• Fear of failure

• Negative self-talk

• Lack of confidence

• Unwillingness to take risks

**Moving Into a New Zone**

• Embrace new experiences

• Reflect on what happens after stepping out of your comfort zone

• Use self-reflection to guide future actions

**The Importance of Self-Talk**

Self-talk is the internal dialogue or conversation that a person has with themselves.

It can be:

• Negative: Critical, self-deprecating, pessimistic

• Neutral: Objective, factual

• Positive: Encouraging, supportive, optimistic1

**Negative Self-Talk**

• Internal conversation that is self-critical and demeaning

• Can affect mental health, lower self-esteem, and undermine self-confidence

• Functions as an inner critic highlighting imperfections and errors

**Neutral Thinking**

• Alternative to negative or excessively positive thinking

• Focuses on facts, not emotions or biases

• Provides a judgment-free, process-oriented middle ground

• Helps make realistic decisions, especially under pressure

**Positive Thinking**

• Focuses on finding the good and expecting positive outcomes

• Helps to bounce back from setbacks

• Benefits mental and physical well-being (improved immune system, reduced inflammation)

**3 Steps for Success**

1. Stop negative self-talk

2. Shift to neutral

3. Choose positivity

**Action Steps**

• Recognize negative thinking habits (find a supportive friend)

• Take a break from news, social media, and negative people

• Keep a journal to transform negativity into neutrality

• Speak with a mentor, coach, or friend

• Remember your previous achievements

• Create and repeat positive affirmations

**Example of a Positive Affirmation**

Every day, I nourish my body with healthy foods that support my healing.

I move in ways that honor my strength, whether through gentle walks, stretches, or simply breathing deeply.

I nurture my spirit with hope, gratitude, and moments of peace.

I trust in my body’s ability to heal, and I surround myself with love and positivity.

With each choice I make, I am actively supporting my recovery and embracing life with courage and faith.

**Let’s connect!**

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**Thank You and Bon Voyage!**

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