



# Looking On The Bright Side: How To Beat Your Blues



When you feel depressed, it can be hard to do much of anything, as you feel drained of energy. While overcoming depression is not easy, it can be accomplished. This article offers you some great tips to jumpstart your battle against depression. It may take a lot of time and energy to beat depression, but it can be done!

Maintain your normal social life. You may not feel up to doing many things when you are feeling depressed, but it is important to maintain your friendships. Continuing them is important to your mental health. Do your normal daily routines. Stopping activities will most likely intensify your feelings of depression.

A great tip that can help you battle depression is to think about seeing a therapist. Seeing a therapist can help because it allows you to get things off your chest. It also lets you talk to someone who won't judge you. Seeing a therapist can do wonders if you're depressed.

One of the best ways to battle depression is to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet and avoid emotional eating. People often times tend to overeat as a way to escape their depression and avoid dealing with uncomfortable inner feelings. By overeating, you are only putting off feelings that need to be dealt with and, in the long run, making your depression worse.

In your battle against depression, challenge your negative thoughts. One of the by-products of depression is putting a negative spin on how you see yourself, your future, and situations that you encounter. If you are like many people who suffer from depression, you are a perfectionist and hold yourself to standards that are impossibly high. Permit yourself to be less than perfect and quit beating yourself up if you don't meet impossible standards you have set for yourself. Negative thoughts will cause depression to become an endless cycle.

Understand and know that you are not insane, but depressed. Depression is the way the body tells us that something is wrong or out of balance with our body. The world around us is an insane place and our bodies react to this insanity by making us depressed. This does not mean that we are insane, it just means that you are a natural being living in an insane world.

If you suffer from holiday depression, either because of loss or because your family lives far away, consider throwing a party for other friends in the same situation. Chances are pretty good you have a neighbor or co-worker who also lacks nearby family with whom they can celebrate, and you will all feel better for getting together instead of sitting alone.

If you have been prescribed medication by your doctor but do not feel completely comfortable with it, be sure to discuss this with him or her. He may be able to help you find a better medication or he may even be able to sooth your worries by explaining what it does.

You can make a huge dent in lifting your depression by following the advice given in this article. Make sure if you make changes in your life you do so slowly so that you can see what is really helping you and what really didn't make much of a difference.