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Who is this course for?: This challenge is for anyone who's ever felt overwhelmed, stressed, or stretched too thin. Whether you're looking for more balance, peace of mind, or just a little extra time for yourself, this challenge is designed to support you.

**How it works:** Over the next five days, you'll take small but powerful steps toward prioritizing yourself. Each day, you'll watch a quick learning moment video followed by a simple self-care activity, use this workbook or grab a notebook to reflect and answer the questions mindfully.

**What you'll learn:** These tasks are designed to help you, practice self-compassion, set healthy boundaries, incorporate mindfulness into your day, celebrate your wins, and build lasting self-care habits.

Day 1

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# The Power of Self-compassion

## **Key Takeaways**

- Self-compassion is about treating yourself with the same kindness you would offer a friend.
- · Negative self-talk can be transformed into supportive and encouraging inner dialogue.
- Accepting imperfections is a key part of self-love.



### **Today's Challenge**

Use the space below to write yourself a letter as if you were comforting a friend who is struggling.

Dear [Your Name],

I know you're feeling [describe feelings], and I want you to know that it's okay. You are doing your best, and that is enough. I admire your [list personal strengths]. Even when things don't go as planned, you are still worthy of love and kindness. Remember that [insert a reminder about selfworth]. I believe in you!

With love,

[Your Name]

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# Prioritizing Your Needs Without Guilt

# **Key Takeaways**

- Setting boundaries is a sign of self-respect, not selfishness.
- Saying 'no' allows space to say 'yes' to things that truly matter.
- · Prioritizing personal needs leads to better well-being and productivity.

## Today's Challenge

Take needs quiz

**Take this quiz, or read the list below** to help identify one need that has been neglected and take the time to schedule it into your calendar for today.

- One thing I need more of:

#### Ideas of personal needs you could focus on:

#### **Physical Needs**

- ✓ Better sleep
- ✓ Proper hydration
- ✓ Focus on cooking one nutritious meal
- ✓ Find a 30 minute movement or exercise
- ✓ Stretch to relieve tension
- ✓ Prioritize medical/dental check-ups

#### Fun & Play Needs

- ✓ Spend time in nature
- Do something purely for joy with no productivity pressure
- ✓ Play a game, or dance with a loved one
- Explore something new just for the experience
- ✓ Read for personal growth or enjoyment
- ✓ Engage in hobby or creative activity

#### **Mental Needs**

- ✓ A quiet reflection or meditation moment
- ✓ Practice self-compassion journaling
- Express gratitude or positive affirmations out loud
- Reduce mental clutter by organizing thoughts with a to-do list, or paper brain dump.
- Say no to something you usually say yes to.
- ✓ Take a break from overwhelming responsibilities (what can you delegate or simply not do)

#### **Social Needs**

- ☑ Have a meaningful conversation with a friend
- Have a conversation with a colleague beyond work-related topics
- Schedule a social activity to look forward to
- Communicate your needs openly in relationships
- ✓ Say "no" to an obligations that feel draining
- ✓ Watch a favorite movie with someone

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# Mindfulness & Presence in Everyday Life

## **Key Takeaways**

- Mindfulness is about being present in the moment.
- Simple mindfulness practices can reduce stress and improve focus.
- Small mindful moments throughout the day contribute to emotional balance.

## **Today's Challenge**

**Take a 5-Minute Mindfulness Break -** Practice a short mindfulness exercise and reflect on how it made you feel.

- How did I feel before the exercise?
- How did I feel after the exercise?
- One way I can incorporate more mindfulness into my daily routine:

Want extra guidance? Search for a "guided mindfulness exercises' on Youtube or try following along with a 5 minute exercise like this one here from Headspace:



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# Celebrating Yourself & Your Wins



- Small wins deserve as much recognition as major accomplishments.
- Self-celebration reinforces positive self-talk.

# Today's Challenge

Write down three personal achievements, big or small, and acknowledge your progress.

I am proud of myself for:	I celebrate my progress in:	A reminder to myself:





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- Self-love is a lifelong journey, not a one-time event.
- Small, consistent habits lead to lasting change.
- Prioritizing self-care allows for greater overall well-being.

# → Today's Challenge

Create a Personal Self-Love Plan by committing to one self-care habit to be continued beyond this challenge.

One self-care habit I will continue:
How I will hold myself accountable:
My motivation for continuing this practice:



# Congratulations!

Congratulations on completing the 5-Day Self-Love Challenge! Self-love is an ongoing process, and every small step counts. Keep prioritizing yourself, and remember that self-care is not selfish—it's necessary.

Consider revisiting this guide whenever you need a reminder to be kind to yourself.

Continue building habits that nurture your well-being, and celebrate yourself every step of the way!



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