



A powerful life comes from a powerful mind

Mindfulness meditation is a technique where you focus your attention on your breathing or your body to train your consciousness and gain control of your mind.

Mindfulness of Breathing: Ānāpānasati

which means "mindfulness of breathing," is a foundational form of Buddhist meditation attributed to Gautama Buddha. It involves paying attention to your breath—both inhaling and exhaling.

By focusing on the breath, one can develop a heightened awareness of the present moment, leading to a more balanced and resilient mind.

This practice not only improves overall well-being but also equips individuals with the tools to navigate life's challenges with calmness and equanimity.

Ultimately, it paves the way for enlightenment, guiding practitioners toward profound spiritual awakening and understanding.

Here are 10 guides for an effective mindfulness meditation:

These are tips I gathered from personal experience, studying, and practicing meditation based on Buddhism.

1. Start with mindful breathing by paying attention to your breath.

Find a quiet space, sit comfortably in a quiet place where you won't be disturbed.

Close your eyes or keep them softly focused. Rest your hands on your lap or knees.

Then start to focus on your breathing.

2. Watch yourself breathing naturally, without force. Observe your breath as it naturally flows in

and out. If it is long, you are aware it is long, if it is short, you are aware it is short. No need to adjust your breathing in any way.

If you can't find your breath, start with a body scan. Observe your body while sitting, lying down, or standing still until it becomes clearer, then return to your breath. This way, you won't stress or force your breathing, which can make it uncomfortable.

3. The goal is to train your consciousness to return to your breath as quickly as possible.

When your mind wanders, gently bring your focus back to your breath. Once your meditation is improved, it will help you let go of pain or unwanted emotions more easily and quickly.

4. It doesn't matter how long your mind wanders.

For example, in a 10-minute meditation session, if your mind wanders for 9 minutes 59 seconds and only one second you are aware of your breathing, that counts as progress. Do not devalue one second of mindfulness. As time goes by, one second will be a great contribution to the strength of your mind.



- 5. Start with 5-10 minutes of meditation daily, and gradually increase the time to improve mastery over your mind. The more, the better. The suggested time for advanced meditation practitioners is 45 minutes to 90 minutes a day.
- 6. The goal is to improve the ability to control your consciousness which means the quality of your meditation is not determined by how long you meditate, but by how quickly you can bring it back to the now. You can practice by focus on your breathing at least 1 second a day.

7. Observe your mind without judging, analyzing, or defining your thoughts.

This way, you can loosen your worldly conditioning. If your mind is full of anxiety, anger, greed, fears, and sadness, just acknowledge and come back to your breathing. Emotions can not overcome your mind, by just simply coming back to your body. In this way, you already resist the endless thoughts and feelings that come with them.

8. Mindfulness Breathing Or Anapanasati is not a manifestation technique but much more powerful. Do not use words of affirmation, create visions or follow visions.

Whatever arises, your job is to bring your mind back to your breathing.

This is because the words and visions are a part of your thinking brain, but the goal is to train your awareness, not thoughts.

We are already thinking all day and for our entire lives; our awareness is usually weak.

Mindfulness is for us to retreat back to the natural state where there is a completion in itself, so we can not see what we already possess, which is far more valuable than anything in the manifesting world.



9. Through consistent meditation practice, you will find yourself experiencing an extreme sense of peace.

While it's important to acknowledge and appreciate this feeling, it's also important not to become overly fixated on it.

Getting upset when you don't feel peaceful during meditation can be counterproductive.

Instead, aim for consistency in your practice.

Remember that the goal of meditation is not just to achieve a peaceful state, but also to develop your ability to focus and bring your attention back to the present moment.

10. Movement is Allowed

You don't have to sit completely still if you feel uncomfortable. If there is an itch, scratch it. If you feel stiff, move slightly and then return to your posture. We're practicing mindfulness, not rigid stillness. Don't focus on how you look; focus on the goal, which is to return to awareness of your breath as quickly as possible



EXTRA TIPS AND THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE



Progress over perfection.

Meditation is like sweeping the house every day. Keep at it without expecting immediate miracles. Don't get discouraged by the lack of visible results.

Meditation is like exercise: if you don't do it, your health declines; if you don't eat, you starve; if you don't bathe, you smell bad; if you don't meditate, your mind becomes scattered and uncontrollable.

But if you keep going, ultimate peace will come to you. You will understand that there is no greater joy than the inner peace within,

and you will move through the world as someone who has filled their own cups. You will have the tools to face any obstacles or emotions, you can remain strong and happy no matter what happens.

You can do this, and I wish you the best on your meditation journey.

Much Love Momo Suriya

