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#### Tip 1. Look for good in yourself and others

Don't criticize yourself or others. It depresses your mental state and strains your relationships.

Look for one good thing in someone who troubles you.

"In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry."

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 63

# Tip 2. Be happy

Harmony is your natural state. It's not just an absence of discord.

• Consent to harmony. Believe it can happen. Expect harmony.

"Harmony in man is as beautiful as in music, and discord is unnatural, unreal."

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 304

#### Tip 3. Change first

Stop keeping score. Don't wait for someone to change first.

• Take the lead. Begin with yourself in improving relationships.

"Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way." Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 454

### Tip 4. Forgive

Forgiveness is about your peace of mind, not absolving someone of responsibility for wrongdoing.

• Think of someone who's wronged you, forgive them, then move on.

" And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And Love is reflected in love;"

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 17

"Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action." Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 454

### Tip 5. Make something beautiful out of adversity

When someone gets under your skin, or rubs you the wrong way, express the wisdom of the oyster; make a pearl!

 Wrap layers of love, appreciation, forgiveness, gratitude, around the person, or problem and yourself.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

The King James Bible. I John 4:7

"No power can withstand divine Love." Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 224

# **<u>Tip 6.</u>** Expect good in your life right now

Don't waste mental energy chewing over past wrongs, hurts, or slights.

Choose a life filled with good relationships.

"Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love." Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 66

# **Tip 7.** Practice thinking spiritually

Good relationships require equanimity – evenness of mind, persistence, gentleness, serenity.

 Affirm this about yourself: Divine Love made me patient and keeps me patient.

"What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds." Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures p. 4

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