



10 Benefits of Visualization

When was the last time you had a vision or actively imagined the desired future state or position of something or someone? As a college student I visualized what life would be like as a college graduate, my career, my work, my salary, my house. As a mom I often visualized what my kids might be like as adults. As a new pharmacist I would visualize what it would be like to be a pharmacy manager. As a an executive I visualized reaching sales and performance goals, while making a measurable and lasting impact. As a newly divorced single mom I visualized myself happy, healed and healthy.

Actively visualizing your future goals puts you closer to achieving them. A vision board, with actionable steps, serves as a great reminder, helps you to stay on track and moving forward. It's proven that visualization not only improves performance, it also reduces stress and increases confidence and focus.

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To Imagine
The desired

Future

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1. It

improves

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performance.

Professional

athletes

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coaches,
politicians,
surgeons,
musicians,
speakers
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business
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2. It

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the goals to do SO. 3. It reduces stress. Similar to meditation, visualization is а form of relaxation. Simply visualizing yourself happily talking with friends, at your favorite restaurant enjoying your favorite meal, taking а stroll, watching the sunrise or the smell of fresh baked bread will

instantly quiet your mind. 4. It brings joy into your life. Just as it reduces stress, visualization can actually change your mood. Next time you're angry, try it. Think about your favorite place. Think about your favorite vacation or feel of sun on your skin on а

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5. It
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your goals? Anytime you're sitting quietly and simply being one with yourself, you are improving your ability to focus. Why? Because you are no longer bound by the restrictions of your day, the constant noise around you and input from others. 6. It

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can spark inspiration. Constantly thinking about taking that vacation will increase your chances of actually doing it. The visuals could inspire а destination or picture that forces you to take action, plan and GO! 7. It boosts confidence. As you imagine yourself doing the things you want

to do, you naturally begin to be more confident and believe you are capable of achieving them. lf you can see yourself accomplish something it provides the push to try it. lt's similar to positive selftalk or affirmations. 8. If you're sick, it can make

you

faster. lt sounds crazy, but there's scientific proof that if you visualize your body rebuilding itself, healing itself, you're feeling better and doing better, your body will begin to respond. In the same way that а hypochondriac convinces himself that he is sick, positive

better

mental imagery can improve your health. 9. It makes you more creative. Α good mental image is а detailoriented picture that invigorates all the senses. What do you smell? What is the temperature outside? What does it taste like? The more vivid the visual, the stronger

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time am to speak, just after pray. Knowing God is with me and visualizing an amazing conversation with my audience helps relieve my nerves every time.

I encourage you to try and visualize yourself reaching your goals, speaking in front of an audience, meeting your sales goals, getting that promotion or running that 5K. Maybe it's visualizing yourself happy in your life. What does that look and feel like to you? Can you see it?

Hit me back with your comments. I'd love to hear what you're visualizing for yourself today and the new year.







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