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Self Care Ideas

NVR parenting believes that it is not an option to not look after ourselves. If we don't look after ourselves we are more harrassed, and less of an anchor.

This includes both parents if there are two in a family.

Self care doesn't need to be long or expensive.

Here are some idea that Megan uses to keep herself grounded and an anchor.

When we self care and celebrate it to our children, our children grow up with self care as an established pattern and that helps them.

Here are a few ideas to get you going.

Let me know how it goes! Does it change any dynamic in your family? megan@thinknvr.co.uk

Megan runs <u>Think NVR</u> and is the Founder of <u>Hear Their Roar</u> She is also a foster carer and has had many children and teenagers so far!

Megan has created her own resources for Think NVR and HTR but as a gift here is a compliation of free resources you can use.

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APPS

MINDFULNESS

There are lots of free apps. I recommend Calm. I use it so much I purchased a lifetime membership but you can have a free version or a pay yearly version. <u>CALM APP</u>

YOUTUBE

EXERCISE

I hate exercise, but I try to swim everyday or go on YouTube for some free exercises. <u>I</u> have a static bike so do Spin on YouTube. But you can find anything, 10 mins is all you need a day!

HEALTHY EATING

FOOD

real Chat

Too much alcohol and junk food just makes us sluggish and ill.

Again the internet has lots of help and ideas to improve healthy eating.

FIND YOUR HEART TRIBE

We need to have supporters, friends who will isten without judgement and love us through the hard and the easy.

Find them, they are somewhere!

CONVINCED THIS WORKS

AROMATHERAPY

No idea how it works. I think it's wizardry but aromatherapy really calms me. I have a diffuser and I also use lavender and tea tree drops in my bath. <u>Emma - Neal's Yard Remedies</u>

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FILL YOUR MIND

I have spent hours, ok, days OK months, doom scrolling social media and always felt rubbish, lost, confused, angry, frustrated, etc.

I always feel inspired and positive and able when I fill my mind with whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy.

We should think about such things for our self care and wellbeing.

You will probably like different things to me, but look through podcasts and see what interests you.

Some are only 10 mins long - listen in the bath, in the car, when at work, when doing housework.

Here is my top list of PODCASTS <u>BRENE BROWN - UNLOCKING US</u> <u>BOB GOFF - DREAM BIG</u> <u>ADAM GRANT - WORK LIFE</u> <u>SIMON SINEK - A LITTLE BIT OF OPTIMISM</u>

Here's my top list of INSTAGRAM <u>MARIA SHRIVER - Instagram</u> <u>GLENNON DOYLE - Instagram</u> <u>ABBY WAMBACH - Instagram</u>

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