## **12 Fundamental Choices for Happiness**

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- 1. Choose to be happy. Make a decision and make it your intention and commitment everyday under all circumstances.
- 2. Choose to take responsibility for your life, your thoughts, feelings, beliefs, experiences, values, and behavior.
- 3. Choose to see things differently; to see new possibilities and options.
- 4. Choose peace over conflict, love over fear, and balance over imbalance.
- 5. Choose to be joyful and to create fun and enjoyable activities in your life.
- 6. Choose to be true to your deepest self and to express that self in feelings, thoughts, values, and behavior.
- 7. Choose to forgive and let go of judgments and grievances.
- 8. Choose to be positive and optimistic.
- 9. Choose to be loving and generously giving and to join with others.
- 10. Choose to be appreciative and grateful for both small and big things and experiences in your life.
- 11. Choose to discover, listen to, and follow your vision and purpose in life.
- 12. Choose to connect with a higher or inner Source/Spirit/Force/God.