## 8 Factors That Contribute Greatly To Emotional and Mental Stability:

- 1. The absence of suspicion and resentment. Nursing a grudge was a major factor in unhappiness.
- 2. Not living in the past. An unwholesome preoccupation with old mistakes and failures leads to depression.
- 3. Not wasting time and energy fighting conditions you cannot change. Cooperate with life, instead of trying to run away from it.
- 4. Force yourself to stay involved with the living world. Resist the temptation to withdraw and become reclusive during periods of emotional stress.
- 5. Refuse to indulge in self-pity when life hands you a raw deal. Accept the fact that nobody gets through life without some sorrow and misfortune.
- 6. Cultivate the old-fashioned virtues—love, humor, compassion and loyalty
- 7. Do not expect too much of yourself. When there is too wide a gap between self-expectation and your ability to meet the goals you have set, feelings of inadequacy are inevitable.
- 8. Find something bigger than yourself to believe in. Self-centered egotistical people score lowest in any test for measuring happiness.

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