



- ❁ You don't need to keep the item to keep the memories associated with it. The memories live on in you and the stories you pass on, not in the item itself.
- ❁ Gratitude doesn't cost a penny and doesn't take up any space. Give of it freely.
- ❁ Do you have your final wishes written down? Do you have a will? If so, does your family know where to find them? No one likes to think about their own death, but it will help your family greatly during one of the most difficult times of their lives.
- ❁ If you're preparing for a move, be sure to clear out the clutter. You certainly don't want to pay for moving items that won't even fit in your new home and/or you don't even need or want.
- ❁ Getting rid of items from a family member who passed away can be extra difficult. It can cause you to feel guilty and to relive loss. However, keeping a few of their items that are truly special and displaying them, will honor their memory instead of keeping everything stashed in a garage or attic.
- ❁ Do your gift cards and coupons go unused? If you don't already, consider having them with you at all times. You can keep them in your wallet, in a separate smaller wallet/change purse, or even just safely stored in your glove box. This way you will have easy access to them and be reminded that you actually have them...Saving you money.
- ❁ Complaining can be so self-defeating. When you're ready to make a gripe, consider what purpose it will serve, what type of day the person you're griping about has had, and if anything good will come of it. Then move forward appropriately.
- ❁ It's important to be driven and productive, but don't forget that's not all there is.
- ❁ Spring has sprung and so has yard sale season. Scan your home for sellable items. Get together with your neighbors to hold a neighborhood yard sale. You will be amazed at how much money you can make by spending one day outside with your friends, family and neighbors. Be sure to advertise your yard sale on a free internet site like Craigslist. After the yard sale, drop off any items that didn't sell to your local donation center. Be sure to get a receipt for tax purposes.
- ❁ When you are getting overwhelmed with the day to day, consider this...be grateful that you had to get up for work, that means you have a job...be grateful that you have laundry to do, that means you have clothing...be grateful that you're at the grocery store, that means you have the money to get food...be grateful when your home needs cleaning because that means you have shelter...etc.
- ❁ Tax day! If you haven't mailed them already, today is the day. Good luck everyone.
- ❁ Look up from your device. Your life is passing you by.
- ❁ Don't you like getting compliments? So does everyone else. Take time out of your day to compliment others. They will appreciate it and you'll feel good about it too.
- ❁ Don't plan every moment of every day. Allow some flexibility in your schedule to allow for adventure.
- ❁ "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."--Edmund Burke

- ❁ Keep all owner's manuals in a binder or file for quick reference divided by type (electronics, furnishings, appliances, etc.). If an appliance is on the fritz, you will know exactly where to get the information you need to get the item fixed or send it out for repair. Also, upon opening the item, staple the receipt on the inside of the manual so you have proof of your date of purchase.
- ❁ The weather in the northeast is finely coming around. Consider spending some time this weekend clearing and decluttering your garage and/or shed.
- ❁ "Just remember--when you think all is lost, the future remains." -- Bob Goddard
- ❁ Take initiative. If you see something that needs to be done, go ahead and do it. Don't just walk by a sticky counter, wipe it off. Don't walk past the loose piece of trash in your yard, pick it up. Keeping in touch with your surroundings and making them beautiful, one easy step at a time will help to enjoy the space even more.