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Here are some ways to live in to this sage advice:

- Record times that have made you happy or you have experienced a blessing. Refer back to these moments when things may not be going so well.
- Do something that brings you joy. It might be reading a book or going fishing, or something as simple as a smile and hello to someone at work.
- Seek out ways and people to serve. Open doors for people, buy coffee for the person behind you in line, or use your free time to serve others.

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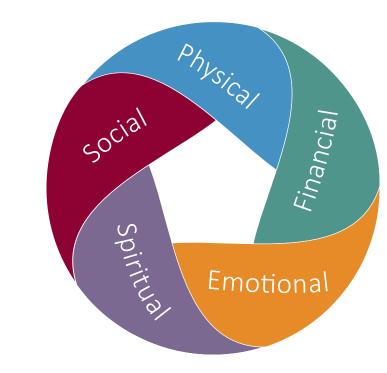
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