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THE RULES OF LIFE

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- 7 Be flexible in your thinking
- 8 Take an interest in the outside world
- 9 Be on the side of the angels, not the beasts
- 10 Only dead fish swim with the stream



- 11 Be the last to raise your voice
- 12 Be your own adviser
- 13 No fear, no surprise, no hesitation, no doubt
- 14 I wish I'd done that and I will
- 15 It's OK to give up
- 16 Count to ten or recite 'Hickory dickory dock'
- 17 Change what you can change, let go of the rest
- 18 Aim to be the very best at everything you do not second best
- 19 Don't expect to be perfect
- 20 Don't be afraid to dream
- 21 If you're going to jump off a bridge, make sure you know how deep the water is
- 22 Don't dwell on the past
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- 25 Be consistent
- 26 Dress like today is important
- 27 Have a belief system
- 28 Leave a little space for yourself each day
- 29 Have a plan
- 30 Have a sense of humour
- 31 Choose how you make your bed
- 32 Life can be a bit like advertising



- 33 Get used to stepping outside your comfort zone
- 34 Learn to ask questions
- 35 Have dignity
- 36 It's OK to feel big emotions
- 37 Keep the faith
- 38 You'll never understand everything
- 39 Know where true happiness comes from
- 40 Life is a pizza
- 41 Always have someone or something that is pleased to see you
- 42 Know when to let go when to walk away
- 43 Retaliation leads to escalation
- 44 Look after yourself
- 45 Maintain good manners in all things
- 46 Prune your stuff frequently
- 47 Remember to touch base
- 48 Draw the lines around yourself
- 49 Shop for quality, not price
- 50 It's OK to worry, or to know how not to
- 51 Stay young
- 52 Throwing money at a problem doesn't always work
- 53 Think for yourself
- 54 You are not in charge



- 55 Have something in your life that takes you out of yourself
- 56 Only the good feel guilty
- 57 If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all

Partnership Rules

- 58 Accept the differences, embrace what you have in common
- 59 Allow* your partner the space to be themselves
- 60 Be nice
- 61 You want to do what?
- 62 Be the first to say sorry
- 63 Go that extra step in trying to please them
- 64 Know when to listen and when to act
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- 66 Make sure your love making is making love
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- 69 Check you both have the same shared goals
- 70 Treat your partner better than your best friend
- 71 Contentment is a high aim
- 72 You don't both have to have the same rules

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73 If you are going to be a friend, be a good friend



- 74 Never be too busy for loved ones
- 75 Let your kids mess up for themselves they don't need any help from you
- 76 Have a little respect and forgiveness for your parents
- 77 Give your kids a break
- 78 Never lend money unless you are prepared to write it off
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- 80 There are no bad children
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- 91 Hang out with positive people
- 92 Be generous with your time and information
- 93 Get involved



- 94 Keep the moral high ground
- 95 Just because you have, doesn't mean they have to
- 96 Do compare yourself with other people
- 97 Have a plan for your career
- 98 Look at the long-term ramifications of what you do for a living
- 99 Be good at your job
- 100 Be aware of the damage you are doing
- 101 Be for the glory, not the degradation
- 102 Be part of the solution, not the problem
- 103 Check what history would say about you
- 104 Not everything can be green
- 105 Put something back
- 106 Find a new Rule every day or occasionally at least

The Rules of happiness

- 1 Take the long view
- 2 Do something you're good at
- 3 Like yourself
- 4 Look from the other direction
- 5 Spin it
- 6 Mix it
- 7 Find a distraction



8 Know who you value
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