

Effective Journaling Checklist

"Journaling and reflecting in itself is always beneficial. However, intentional journaling and reflecting can support personal and professional growth, self-care, and inner-healing."



Effective Journaling Checklist:

- 1. Determine your reason or purpose for journaling. Then, pick a *focus point* for reflection and growth,
- 2. Once you determine your purpose in, choose the *type of journaling* that is more beneficial to your goal. It can make a difference. Certain structures, target specific outcomes,
- 3. If you have difficulty writing, start with a *"brain dump*," or stream of consciousness, *...free-flowing thoughts.*
- **4.** For motivation, you can reflect on quotes or affirmations on a specific topic. Ex. If you are looking *for spiritual growth*, begin with biblical verses/passages and a prayer journal.
- **5.** If you are looking to increase your *positive or good vibrations*, you can begin with a "gratitude" journal.
- **6.** Incorporate journaling into your daily routine— as a morning or evening practice. *There are benefits to both.* Remember: *What you focus on expands or grows.*
- 7. You can also join a group or individual journaling practice, where a "coach" guides you through various journaling topics and practices. You can discuss your specific need or areas of growth. Make sure the coach is an experienced journaling and writing coach.



Looking for a writing or journaling coach?

Access the link below.





Have any questions about this checklist? Or stuck on beginning a journaling practice? You can contact me using the link in the bio, or via direct message. You can also begin your journaling practice with "Reflect, Relate, Release: A Journal for Women with Packed Days and Restless Nights."

https://www.amazon.com/Reflect-Relate-Release-JOURNAL-RESTLESS/dp/B08