

10 Habits That Changed **Thousands of Lives.**

Ten tiny, two-minute habits that quietly reshape your mind, money, relationships and energy — starting the day you read this.

Calm your mind

Grow your income

Sleep better

Build confidence

Get more done

WELCOME

Small is the secret.

Most self-improvement fails for one reason: it asks too much. Overhaul your life by Monday. Wake at 5 a.m. Meditate an hour. It's no wonder it doesn't stick.

This guide does the opposite. Inside are ten habits so small you'll be tempted to dismiss them — two minutes here, thirty seconds there. But two minutes done daily beats two hours done never. That's the whole game.

Each habit is built the same way: the habit itself, the simple reason it works, a real story, the exact steps, the common mistake to avoid, and one move to make *today*. You don't have to do all ten at once. Pick one. Do it tomorrow. Let it prove itself.

How to use this guide: Read it once, cover to cover (it's short on purpose). Then choose a single habit and run it for a few days before adding another. Ten habits, ten days — or ten weeks. There's no rush. There's just the next two minutes.

Let's begin.

— The ToReadMore team

THE BIG IDEA

Why two minutes beats two hours.

We overestimate what a single heroic effort can do, and badly underestimate what a tiny daily one can. A two-hour burst you do once and abandon changes nothing. A two-minute habit you keep changes everything — because it compounds.

The math nobody tells you: two minutes a day is twelve focused hours a year, on one thing, with zero willpower spikes required. Small enough to never skip. Repeated enough to rewire you.

There are three reasons the small approach wins where the big one fails:

1 • IT BEATS RESISTANCE

You can't talk yourself out of two minutes. The task is too small to dread, so you actually start — and starting is 90% of the battle.

2 • IT BUILDS IDENTITY

Every time you keep a small promise to yourself, you become the kind of person who keeps promises. That identity is what carries the big changes later.

3 • IT COMPOUNDS

One habit makes the next one easier. Calm makes focus easier. Focus makes money easier. Momentum is the real product — the habits are just how you start it.

So as you read the ten habits ahead, resist the urge to do them all. Pick one. Win two minutes. Then come back for the next.

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01

HABIT 1 • MINDSET

The 2-Minute Brain Dump

Stop the 2 a.m. mental loop — on paper, in 120 seconds.

The 2-Minute Brain Dump

WHY IT WORKS

Your brain treats an unfinished thought like an open browser tab. Psychologists call it the Zeigarnik effect: until a worry is 'closed', your mind keeps rehearsing it. Writing it down closes the loop — so the looping stops.

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She used to lie awake replaying every conversation from the day. One night she grabbed a notebook and wrote for two minutes — every worry, unfiltered. She fell asleep before she finished the page. She hasn't stopped since.

— Sarah, 34

How to do it

- 1 Set a 2-minute timer right before bed.
- 2 Write every thought looping in your head — exact words, zero editing.
- 3 When the timer ends, close the notebook. The loop is now 'on paper'.
- 4 If a thought comes back, tell yourself: 'It's handled — it's on the page.'

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Tonight, before you sleep, dump for two minutes. That's it.

The 2-Minute Brain Dump

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Trying to solve each worry as you write it. The job is to empty the mind, not fix the problem. Solutions come easier in daylight.

LEVEL IT UP

Add a second pass: beside the two or three worries that still feel heavy, write one tiny next action. Then close the book and sleep.

What to expect

After day 1	You fall asleep a little faster than usual.
After a week	The 2 a.m. wake-ups get shorter and rarer.
After a month	Calm becomes your default evening state — the page catches the spiral before it builds.

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HABIT 2 · PRODUCTIVITY

Win the First 90 Minutes

One protected block beats an eight-hour scramble.

Win the First 90 Minutes

WHY IT WORKS

Your focus and willpower are highest right after you wake — before the world's inputs arrive. Check email or social first and you hand that peak to other people's priorities. Protect it, and you out-produce people working twice as long.

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He started every morning 'just checking email'. By 10 a.m. he was behind and reactive — every day. He flipped it: 90 minutes of his most important task first, before any inbox. In a month he shipped two projects that had been stuck for a year.

— James, 41

How to do it

- 1 The night before, pick the ONE task that matters most tomorrow.
- 2 When you wake, keep your phone in another room.
- 3 Set a 90-minute timer and work that one task — no email, no feeds, no 'quick checks'.
- 4 Inputs come AFTER the block, never before.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Right now, decide tomorrow's first 90-minute task. Write it down.

Win the First 90 Minutes

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Checking 'just one' message first. A single peek hands your sharpest focus of the day to someone else's agenda — and you rarely get it back.

LEVEL IT UP

Stack two 90-minute blocks with a real break between. Most people's entire week of meaningful output fits inside those four hours.

What to expect

After day 1	You finish the thing that actually mattered — before noon.
After a week	You feel ahead instead of behind.
After a month	Stuck projects are shipping; your afternoons feel like a bonus.

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HABIT 3 · MONEY

The One-Line Money Check-In

Thirty seconds a day quietly ends money anxiety.

The One-Line Money Check-In

WHY IT WORKS

Avoidance feeds financial stress. The fix isn't a spreadsheet marathon — it's brief, daily contact. A 30-second glance plus one written number turns a scary unknown into something you control. Awareness is the first dollar you ever save.

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She hadn't opened her banking app in weeks — it felt safer not to look. She started writing one number a day: today's balance, plus one word for how she felt. Within two months the avoidance was gone and she'd saved her first \$1,000.

— Amina, 29

How to do it

- 1 Each morning, open your banking app — just look.
- 2 Write today's balance in a note on your phone.
- 3 Add one word for how it makes you feel.
- 4 Close the app. That is the entire habit.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Open your banking app once, right now, and write the number down.

HABIT 3 · MAKE IT STICK

The One-Line Money Check-In

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Turning it into a full budgeting session. Make it thirty seconds and one number, or you'll quietly stop doing it within a week.

LEVEL IT UP

Once the daily glance is automatic, add a 5-minute weekly review: money in, money out, one small change for next week.

What to expect

After day 1

The dread drops the instant you actually look.

After a week

You spot a leak you'd been ignoring.

After a month

You feel in genuine control of your money — maybe for the first time in years.

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Knowing the number is step one. Our Money Mindset Bundle rewires the habits and beliefs that quietly keep most people broke — in plain, practical language.

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HABIT 4 • CONFIDENCE

The 10-Second Confidence Reset

Walk into any room already sure of yourself.

The 10-Second Confidence Reset

WHY IT WORKS

Confidence isn't a feeling you wait for — it's a state you trigger. Standing tall and exhaling slowly lowers cortisol and steadies your voice within seconds. The rule: act first, feel second. Your body leads; your mind follows.

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He used to freeze the moment a meeting turned to him — racing heart, shaky voice. He built a 10-second reset he runs before he speaks. Three months later he asked for the raise he'd avoided for two years. He got it.

— David, 37

How to do it

- 1 Before any high-stakes moment, stop for ten seconds.
- 2 Stand tall, drop your shoulders, unclench your jaw.
- 3 Exhale slowly for a count of six — longer out than in.
- 4 Say one sentence in your head: 'I've got this.' Then begin.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Use the reset before your next call, message, or hard conversation.

The 10-Second Confidence Reset

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Waiting to feel ready before you act. The feeling never reliably arrives first — the posture and the breath have to lead.

LEVEL IT UP

Pair the reset with one 'power question' you bring to the room. Confidence isn't only certainty — it's curiosity that isn't afraid to ask.

What to expect

After day 1	Your voice is noticeably steadier in one conversation.
After a week	You speak up in a moment you'd normally let pass.
After a month	People start describing you as 'calm under pressure' — and you believe them.

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HABIT 5 · RELATIONSHIPS

The 'Close the Loop' Text

Rebuild any relationship, one small message at a time.

The 'Close the Loop' Text

WHY IT WORKS

Relationship researchers found the strongest predictor of lasting bonds isn't grand gestures — it's tiny, consistent 'bids for connection'. A single specific message a day compounds faster than any expensive date night ever could.

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She and her partner had drifted into roommates who shared a calendar. No fight — just distance. She started sending one specific appreciation a day. No agenda, no fixing. Two weeks in, he started sending them back.

— Olivia, 33

How to do it

- 1 Once a day, message one person who matters to you.
- 2 Make it specific: 'I loved how you handled that today,' not 'thinking of you'.
- 3 No agenda, no ask, no fixing — just the appreciation or check-in.
- 4 Send it and move on. Consistency is the whole point.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Send one specific, no-agenda message to someone right now.

The 'Close the Loop' Text

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Keeping it vague. 'Thinking of you' is wallpaper; a specific, observed detail is what actually lands and rebuilds warmth.

LEVEL IT UP

Once the daily text is a habit, add one phone-away, fully-present moment a day. Attention is the rarest gift you can give.

What to expect

After day 1	You get a warmer reply than you expected.
After a week	The other person starts reaching out first, too.
After a month	The relationship feels close again — rebuilt in minutes a day.

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HABIT 6 · SKILLS / AI

The 5-Minute Skill Stack

Compound a money-making skill, five minutes a day.

The 5-Minute Skill Stack

WHY IT WORKS

Spaced micro-learning beats cramming every time. Five focused minutes a day is roughly thirty hours a year — and with AI as a personal tutor, that curve gets steeper. Small daily reps quietly turn into a skill people will pay you for.

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He kept meaning to 'learn AI properly' and never did. So he shrank it: five minutes a day, applied to one real task. Within three months he was using AI to deliver freelance work — and charging for it.

— Noah, 26

How to do it

- 1 Pick ONE money-relevant skill (start with AI prompting).
- 2 Spend five minutes a day — and apply it immediately to a real task.
- 3 End each session by writing one sentence on what you learned.
- 4 Stack the next skill only once this one earns or saves you time.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Choose your one skill now. Five minutes tomorrow — no more, no less.

The 5-Minute Skill Stack

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Studying without applying. Five minutes of doing something real beats an hour of watching someone else do it.

LEVEL IT UP

Teach what you learned to one person, or post it publicly. Teaching is the fastest way to truly own a skill — and to get noticed for it.

What to expect

After day 1 You can do one new thing you couldn't do yesterday.

After a week You use it on real work without thinking about it.

After a month It's a skill someone will pay you for.

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HABIT 7 · HEALTH

The Sunset Wind-Down

Fall asleep faster, wake up genuinely sharper.

The Sunset Wind-Down

WHY IT WORKS

Screens and bright light at night suppress melatonin and trick your brain into 'daytime'. A fixed, dimmer wind-down cue, repeated nightly, retrains your body clock — so sleep arrives on time and you wake with real energy, not a coffee debt.

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Wired every night, exhausted every morning — she blamed her 'broken sleep'. She wasn't broken; her evenings were. Thirty screen-free, dimly lit minutes before bed, every night. Within a week she was waking before her alarm.

— Emma, 31

How to do it

- 1 Thirty minutes before bed, dim the lights in your space.
- 2 Put your phone to charge in another room.
- 3 Pick one calm ritual: read a few pages, stretch, or breathe.
- 4 Keep the cue identical each night — repetition is what trains the clock.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Set a 'wind-down' alarm for 30 minutes before tonight's bedtime.

The Sunset Wind-Down

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Keeping the phone nearby 'just for the alarm'. Buy a \$10 alarm clock and banish the phone — the scroll is the whole problem.

LEVEL IT UP

Anchor the routine to a fixed clock time. Same wind-down hour every night is what trains your body clock the fastest.

What to expect

After day 1	You fall asleep a little sooner.
After a week	You wake before the alarm once or twice.
After a month	Mornings feel different — energy you didn't have to caffeinate into being.

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HABIT 8 · BUSINESS

Sell Before You Build

Never again waste months on something nobody wants.

Sell Before You Build

WHY IT WORKS

Most ideas die from building first and checking demand later. Flip the order. Pre-selling — getting a yes (or a payment) before you build — is the cheapest, fastest market research on earth. It saves the one thing you can't refund: your time.

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He nearly spent six months building an app 'people would surely want'. Instead he posted the offer first and asked for pre-orders. Seven people paid before a single line of code existed. That's when he knew it was real.

— Liam, 35

How to do it

- 1 Write your offer in one clear paragraph: who it helps and how.
- 2 Show it to ten real people in your target market.
- 3 Ask the only question that matters: 'Would you pay \$X for this today?'
- 4 Build it only after genuine yeses — ideally, deposits.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Draft your one-paragraph offer today. Show it to three people this week.

Sell Before You Build

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Asking 'would you buy this?' People are polite and will say yes to spare your feelings.
Ask for a deposit or a pre-order instead.

LEVEL IT UP

Pre-sell to a waitlist: collect emails with a single-line offer before you build anything at all. Demand first, product second.

What to expect

After day 1	You get honest signal instead of imagined demand.
After a week	You either have buyers — or you've just saved yourself months.
After a month	You're building something people already want to pay for.

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HABIT 9 · POSITIVITY

Gratitude-to-Action

Turn a good feeling into real momentum.

Gratitude-to-Action

WHY IT WORKS

Gratitude on its own feels nice — then fades. Pair it with one tiny action and something shifts: you move from passively noticing the good to actively building it. Over weeks, that pairing rewires you toward agency instead of waiting.

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She'd journaled gratitude for a year and still felt stuck. The missing piece was a verb. She started adding one two-minute action beside each entry — and doing it. Within a month, 'grateful but stuck' became 'grateful and moving'.

— Isabella, 28

How to do it

- 1 Each morning, write one thing you're genuinely grateful for.
- 2 Beside it, write one two-minute action it inspires.
- 3 Do that action before you do anything else.
- 4 Tomorrow, repeat. Momentum is built, not found.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Write one gratitude + one two-minute action now — then do the action.

Gratitude-to-Action

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Listing gratitude with no verb attached. Gratitude without action is just a nice diary — pleasant, but it doesn't move your life.

LEVEL IT UP

Make the action serve the thing you're grateful for. Grateful for a friend? Message them now. Let gratitude point to its own next step.

What to expect

After day 1

You start the day already in motion.

After a week

Small actions are stacking into visible progress.

After a month

Your default has shifted from 'waiting' to 'building'.

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HABIT 10 · GROWTH

The 30-Minute CEO Review

Run your one life the way a founder runs a company.

The 30-Minute CEO Review

WHY IT WORKS

Busy isn't the same as effective. A short weekly review — what worked, what didn't, what's next — cuts overwhelm and compounds progress. Thirty minutes a week is how you stop drifting and start steering. It's the highest-ROI habit on this list.

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He felt permanently busy and permanently behind. He blocked 30 minutes every Sunday to review his week like a CEO reviews a business. Three months later he was doing less — and finishing far more. Clarity did what hustle couldn't.

— Christopher, 39

How to do it

- 1 Block 30 minutes every Sunday. Same time, every week.
- 2 Ask: What worked? What didn't? What are my top 3 for next week?
- 3 Pick one thing to STOP doing entirely.
- 4 Write next week's first 90-minute task (see Habit 2) before you close the notebook.

YOUR MOVE TODAY

Put a recurring 30-minute 'CEO Review' in your calendar for this Sunday.

The 30-Minute CEO Review

THE COMMON MISTAKE

Skipping it the week you're busiest. That's the exact week the review pays off most — overwhelm is the signal to zoom out, not push harder.

LEVEL IT UP

Add a monthly 'zoom-out': one hour to review the month and set a single big goal for the next. Weeks steer the days; months steer the year.

What to expect

After day 1	You end the week with clarity instead of guilt.
After a week	Your top three actually get done — because they're chosen, not random.
After a month	You're doing less and finishing more — steering instead of drifting.

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You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your habits.

— AND TINY HABITS, KEPT, QUIETLY RAISE THE FLOOR.

MAKE IT STICK

Your 30-Day Habit Map

Don't start all ten at once — that's the trap. Add one habit every three days. By day 30 you'll be running all ten on autopilot, each one built on a foundation that's already solid.

Days 1-3	Habit 1 — The 2-Minute Brain Dump (calm comes first)
Days 4-6	Add Habit 7 — The Sunset Wind-Down (protect your sleep)
Days 7-9	Add Habit 2 — Win the First 90 Minutes (focus)
Days 10-12	Add Habit 4 — The 10-Second Confidence Reset
Days 13-15	Add Habit 3 — The One-Line Money Check-In
Days 16-18	Add Habit 5 — The 'Close the Loop' Text
Days 19-21	Add Habit 9 — Gratitude-to-Action
Days 22-24	Add Habit 6 — The 5-Minute Skill Stack
Days 25-27	Add Habit 8 — Sell Before You Build (if you want income)
Days 28-30	Add Habit 10 — The 30-Minute CEO Review (tie it all together)

The only rule: never add a new habit until the last one feels automatic. Slow is smooth, and smooth is permanent.

TRACK YOUR WINS

Your 10-Day Tracker

Print this page or screenshot it. Each day you complete a habit, fill the circle. Aim for any 7 of 10 — progress, not perfection.

Habit	Done?	Day	How it felt
01. The 2-Minute Brain Dump	☐	___	___
02. Win the First 90 Minutes	☐	___	___
03. One-Line Money Check-In	☐	___	___
04. 10-Second Confidence Reset	☐	___	___
05. Close-the-Loop Text	☐	___	___
06. 5-Minute Skill Stack	☐	___	___
07. Sunset Wind-Down	☐	___	___
08. Sell Before You Build	☐	___	___
09. Gratitude-to-Action	☐	___	___
10. 30-Minute CEO Review	☐	___	___

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