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# LIFESTYLE CHANGE

Making small changes in your diet, such as choosing fresh fruits and vegetables, lean protein, and whole grains, can have a significant positive impact on your overall health and wellbeing.

# **FITNESS TIP**

Rather than do one or the other a combination of making healthier daily food choices combined with regular exercise will help you enjoy doing the things you enjoy for longer in life.

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EATING natural fresh food and stay- has been linked to a variety of health ing away from processed food can be issues, including heart disease, cana key factor in promoting longevity of cer, and Alzheimer's disease. Eating life.

Here are a few reasons why:

#### ■ Nutrition content

Natural fresh food contains higher 

Better digestion levels of nutrients than processed food. Nutrients like vitamins, miner- digest than processed food, which als, and antioxidants are essential for the body to function properly, fight atives that can irritate the digestive diseases, and repair itself.

#### ■ Reduces the risk of chronic dis- health. eases

Processed food often contains high levels of salt, sugar, and unhealthy chronic diseases like heart disease. diabetes, and cancer. Eating natural fresh food can help reduce this risk by providing the body with the necessary nutrients to maintain a healthy immune system.

#### ■ Lowers inflammation

Processed food is often high in refined carbohydrates and unhealthy fats, which can cause inflammation in the body. Chronic inflammation

natural fresh food will help reduce inflammation and promote overall health.

Natural fresh food is often easier to can be high in additives and preservsystem. Good digestion is essential for nutrient absorption and overall

### ■ Increases energy

Eating natural fresh food can profats, which can increase the risk of vide the body with the energy it needs to function properly. Processed food often contains empty calories, which

> Happiness leads to health, health leads to happiness and longevity

> > **Motivational quote** of the day

can lead to a crash in energy levels. Natural fresh food contains complex carbohydrates, protein, and healthy fats that provide sustained energy throughout the day.

#### **■** Improves mental health

The nutrients found in natural fresh food can also improve mental health. For example, omega-3 fatty acids found in fish and nuts have been linked to improved mood and reduced risk of depression.

## **■** Environmental impact

Processed food often has a higher carbon footprint than natural fresh food. Choosing natural fresh food that is locally sourced can help reduce your environmental impact and promote sustainable living.

Eating natural fresh food, in other words what our bodies are designed to eat, is a key factor in promoting longevity of life. Making small changes in your diet, such as choosing fresh fruits and vegetables and lean protein can have a significant positive impact on your overall health and wellbeing.

