# Before & After

### Pictures, Stories, & Short Messages for True Health Motivation

- My Health Journey Pictures
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        - Fitness Idea Pictures



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#### Introduction to Before & After Health Motivation

In this book I'm focusing on the pictures and short messages about health, namely my insights and some stories of others.

Let's talk about a few very basic health principles.

Healthy lifestyles speak for themselves.

When one sees before & after pictures and reads their stories, motivation to live a healthy lifestyle can hardly be restrained.

When we see the difference, we immediately ask ourselves, 'why am I living beneath my privileges when I could have strength and beauty like this?' We can then quickly realize that the deceptive sweets meats an so on are completely inferior to the gift of a well-treated temple of God.

Our bodies will respond favorably to good principles of healthy living, and our bodies will clearly witness of it.

When we forget to live healthy for a while then get back into it, the results quickly come to cheer us on, an we regret the time we spent in the gutters. Even a little exercise and healthy eating can boost our spirits and begin to cleanse the body and restore the beauty which unhealthy living sapped away.

There's no such thing as a healthy obese person.

It is true that some lifestyles can give you a skinny body but you can still be unhealthy, like smoking or doing various drugs, or anorexia, etc.

Here I'll focus on before and after vegan lifestyle change, as to my understanding that most closely aligns with the Lord's revealed health laws found in D&C 89.

As a precautionary note pictures here often feature people wearing less clothing. I only share these for a point of medical research, to demonstrate that the body is healthier, and thereby more beautiful, when we take care of it. Of course I will not put pictures in this document which are sensual in nature, I will only use those whose focus is to demonstrate health.

Of course thigs brings great joy to those who have mastered these lifestyle changes and have overcome their poor health and the physical and emotional drain that poor health brings.

Another cautionary note is that I am not a fan of overly honing the body at the gym, an being obsessed with appearances. But if we are overweight, that is the sure sign that we are not giving enough attention to our health. Wholesome living will naturally produce the beauty that God intended us all to have.

Of course there are other indicators than weight such as physical fitness, but weight is likely the single easiest measurement of health, generally speaking. Yes I'm aware of those individuals, usually young, who have a terrible diet and appear to be in good health; rest assured that their bad choices will catch up to them sooner or later.

I've tried to source the images I use here but that's a work in progress. Particularly as I haven't been able to source
everything, remember this booklet is not for commercial sale, it is a non-profit educational tool I have compiled and wish
to share freely.

If you would like to contribute to this booklet with your own before/after pictures and story, please contact me at 435-681-1520.

God bless you in your pursuit of true health principles and the joy that will bring!

#### Me First

I've had my own waves of up and down and learning on this topic. Here are some pictures that help me remember to value health.

When at my worst of about 230, I was able to lose about 30 pounds from a vegan diet and get back to around 200. I didn't do things perfect and it took a few years.

Of course I am still far from perfect. These days I'm around 200, and hope to give updates later of further progress in my health journey in a positive direction.

2007 age 14, healthy; growing up I can't say I was into nutrition, but we did have lots of homemade cooking which helped a lot.



2009, age 16, around 160lbs, still healthy for the most part, despite the roller coasters of growing up:



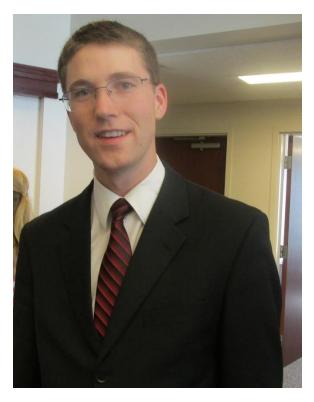
2009, you think you're invincible with that plate of pies, but it'll catch up to you...



Oh really?... (just you wait, punk)



Fresh off my mission in 2013, on my  $22^{nd}$  birthday, around 175lbs, growing up, gained on the mish as most do, but still quite healthy:



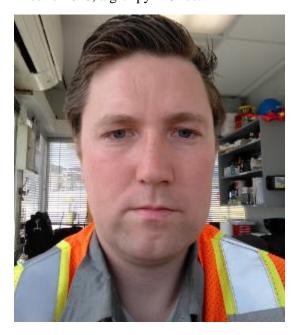
2016, going the wrong direction, but happy to be with my wonderful wife:



2017 not getting any healthier, around 210 lbs., but again blessed with happy milestones in my family:



Around 2018, a grunpy 215 lbs.:



2018, optimistic but life's pressures & nutritional ignorance/defiance definitely showing, getting that old man look:



Around 2020, trying to figure the health thing out:



2022, seen better and seen worse, still pretty slouch, and birth of a baby a great time to remember those health goals:



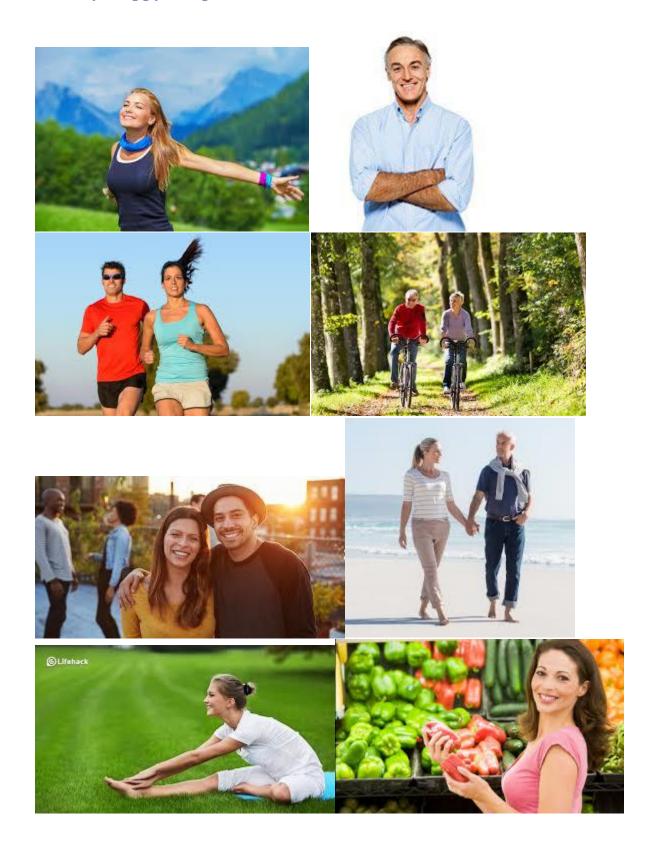
2022, my wife definitely staying ahead of me in the health race:



2024, around 205 lbs, right direction, lots of challenges, long ways to go, but my kids keep me happy, & I'm determined to make health progress for them, and to set a good example for their health for years to come:



## Healthy Happy People





















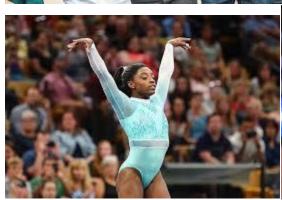




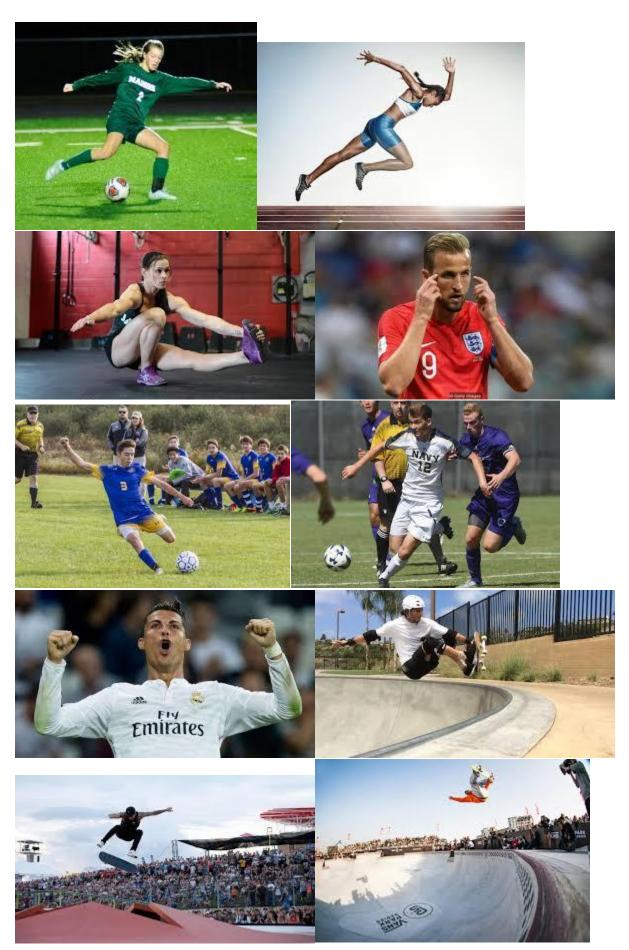










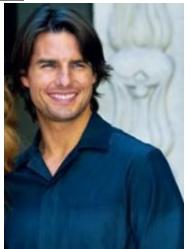


























#### Before & After

Most of these are vegans but as I didn't take perfect record I won't say all. Consider the joy and beauty these people find when they take their health into their own hands by healthy lifestyle choices!

















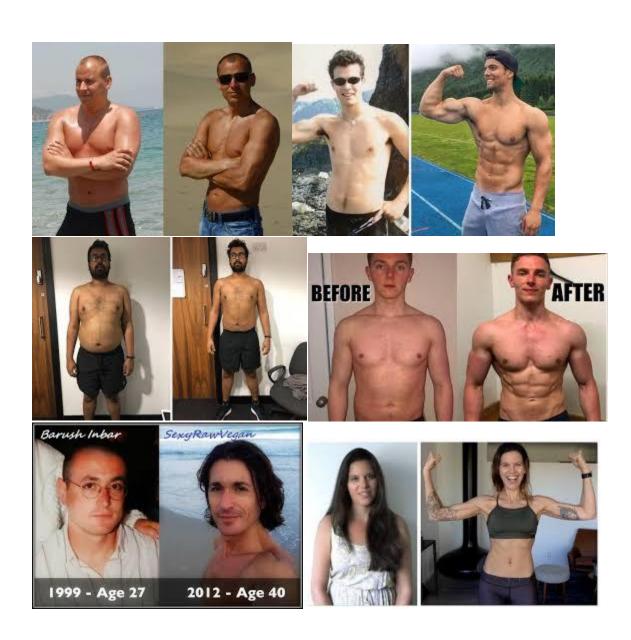














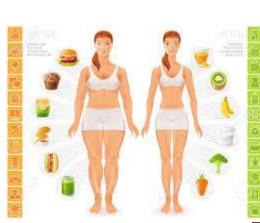
## Unhealthy People





















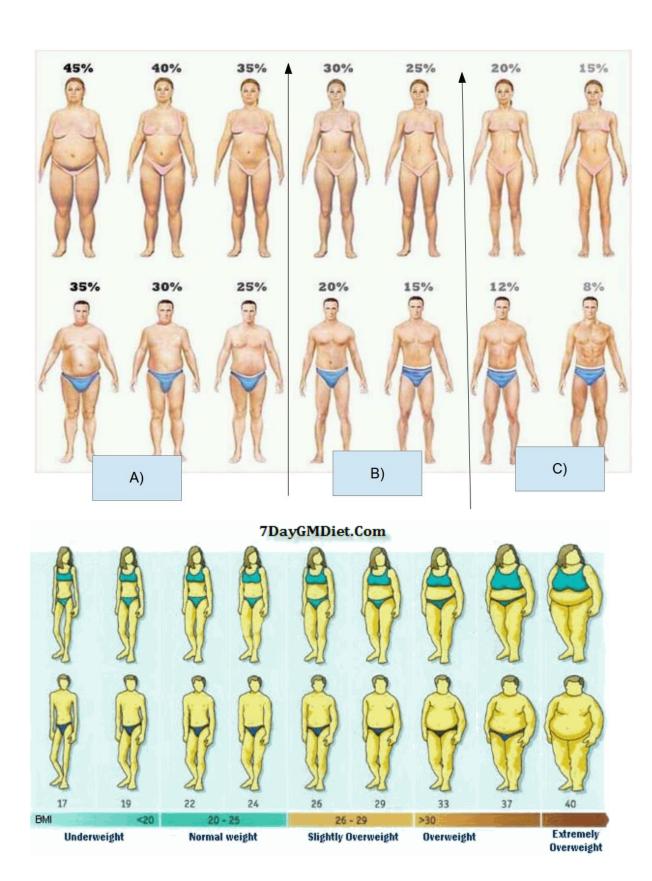


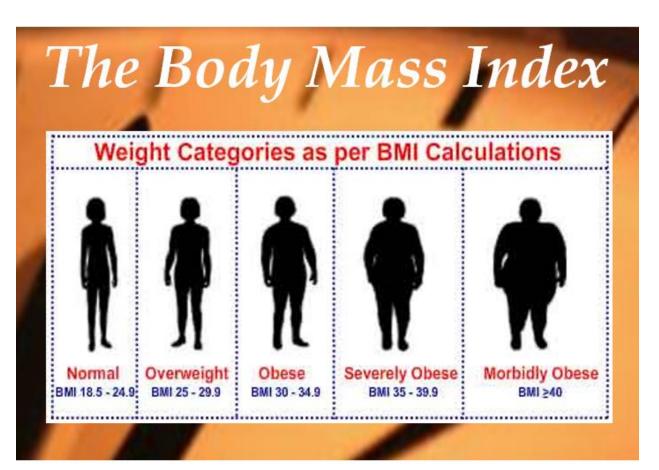




Body Fat Percentages





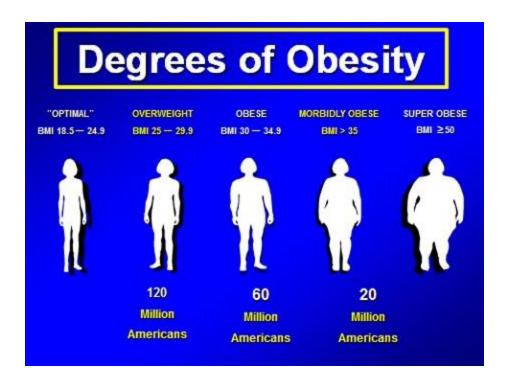


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	18.5 – 24.9 NORMAL				25.0 - 29.9 OVERWEIGHT					30.0 and above  OBESE						
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
4'10"	96	100	105	110	115	119	124	129	134	138	143	148	153	158	162	167
4'11"	99	104	109	114	119	124	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	168	173
5'	102	107	112	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	158	174	179
5'1"	106	111	116	122	127	132	137	143	148	153	158	164	169	174	180	185
5'2"	109	115	120	126	131	136	142	147	153	158	164	169	175	180	186	191
5'3"	113	118	124	130	135	141	146	152	158	163	169	175	180	186	191	197
5'4"	116	122	128	134	140	145	151	157	153	169	174	180	186	192	197	204
5'5"	120	126	132	138	144	150	156	162	158	174	180	186	192	198	204	210
5'6"	124	130	136	142	148	155	161	167	173	179	186	192	198	204	210	216
5'7"	127	134	140	146	153	159	166	172	178	185	191	198	204	211	217	223
5'8"	131	138	144	151	158	164	171	177	184	190	197	203	210	216	223	230
5'9"	135	142	149	155	162	169	176	182	189	196	203	209	216	223	230	236
5'10"	139	146	153	160	167	174	181	188	195	202	209	216	222	229	236	243
5'11"	143	150	157	165	172	179	186	193	200	208	215	222	229	236	243	250
6'0"	147	154	162	169	177	184	191	199	206	213	221	228	235	242	250	258
6'1"	152	159	166	174	182	189	197	204	212	219	227	235	242	250	257	269
6'2"	155	163	171	179	186	194	202	210	218	225	233	241	249	256	264	272
6'3"	160	168	176	184	192	200	208	216	224	232	240	248	256	264	272	279
	HEALTHY WEIGHT					OVERWEIGHT					OBESE					

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Center for Disease Control: National Center for Health Statistics; National Institue of Health; United Health Foundation; American Public Health Association.



#### BMI

formula: lbs x 703 / in^2

18.5-24.9 = normal/healthy

25-30 = overweight

30+ = obese

#### A Few Healthy Dishes



#### **Fitness**

Fitness is nothing compared to a healthy diet, but important none the less. Let's look at a few ideas.

# **CALORIES BURNED**



# EXERCISE & CALORIE

	C/	LOR	ES B	30 MINUTES				
ACTIVITY	100	120 LBS.	140 LBS	160 LBS.	180 LBS.	200 LBS.	220 LBS.	240 LBS.
AEROBICS	115	147	173	195	220	246	271	294
AEROBICS (VIGOROUS)	169	203	237	256	290	327	365	400
AEROBICS (MATER)	101	122	142	162	182	203	223	243
BICYCLING (MODERATE - 13MPH)	180	216	252	288	324	360	396	432
GOLF (CARRYING/PULLING CLUES)	124	149	173	198	223	248	272	297
KARATE/KICK BOXING JUDO/TAE KWAN DO	245	293	342	390	440	490	539	582
RACQUETBALL (COMPETITIVE)	239	279	326	382	419	465	512	570
ROWING (MACHINE/MOBERATE)	161	190	223	255	289	326	364	410
RUNNING (12 MIN. MILE)	180	216	252	288	324	360	396	432
RUNNING	225	270	315	360	405	450	495	540
RUNNING (8 MIN. MILE)	285	342	395	450	503	559	614	668
STATIONARY CYCLING	158	189	221	252	284	315	347	378
STATIONARY CYCLING	236	284	331	378	425	473	520	567
SWIMMING (SLOW PREESTYLE)	180	213	247	283	318	354	387	417
SWIMMING (FAST FREESTYLE)	218	263	305	349	393	446	480	528
TENNIS (SINGLES)	180	216	252	288	324	360	396	432
TENNIS	135	162	189	216	243	270	297	324
WALKING (SLOW - 2MPH)	61	74	89	101	114	127	140	153
WALKING	91	108	129	143	160	180	196	213
WALKING (FAST - 4MPH)	118	140	161	186	210	235	257	278
WEIGHT TRAINING	180	216	252	288	324	360	396	432
WEIGHT TRAINING	125	150	175	201	225	250	276	300
YOGA	86	105	121	139	156	174	192	209

