

# Earlier, Lighter Dinners

I'm so glad you applied to uplevel your habits. I'm glad you're want to experience:

- Better energy
- Deeper sleep
- A body that feels younger as you get older.

As much as possible I try to get applicants ready to be in a dynamic coaching group with me. I weed out the people who aren't as serious about making changes right now, and prepare the people who are ready for the experience.

My strategy works a bit like this: I get you ready whether you're enrolled or not. You have a conversation with our course Gate Keepers. If they give you permission to be in the course, and if you choose to invest in yourself, then you're in.

Your first assignment is to become crystal clear on what you want out of this experience. I want you to get in touch with the person you want to become next. I want you to intensify your desire - to see if this is what you definitely want to focus on in this next phase of your life.

In this vein, pour yourself a cup of tea or pop a bubbly water and settle in to the first worksheet.

**Don't skip this step!**

Part of preparing for our experience is aligning to the first habit - an earlier dinner, or a lighter dinner.

Many of us eat after 6 pm, when digestion starts to get very weak. When we eat late, we put a load on our body that detracts from a more efficient body

If you don't eat late, but you eat too heavy at night, the same thing is true.

The rule of thumb is that our digestive fire isn't strong at night. Our human body doesn't produce much bile in the evening to burn through heavy meals, fat or protein. It's best to dinner lighter and earlier, if you want to:

- Sleep deeply
- Wake up clear headed, light, + psyched for the day
- Tap into deeper energy

With all of the habits we will be upgrading during Body Thrive the important thing is small, regular success.

Don't try to change your mealtime by 3 hours, or go from a 1000 calorie meal to a green salad. Go gradual. Be regular. Notice the effects.

Good luck. We've got your back.

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Sit down with a pen and piece of paper to answer the following questions. Keep your answers on your fridge, where they'll remind you why you're doing what you're doing.

- Do you want your pants to hang from your hips?
- Do you want to pop out of bed with loads of zing in the morning?
- Are you tired of being tired?
- Are you tired of being too busy to eat right for yourself?
- Do you know that, if you're going to live longer, you want to feel better in the future than you do now?
- Are you slowly gaining weight? Do you feel like that sucks?
- Are you not interested in ever having Alzheimer's...even though that may be decades away?
- Are you over the ups and downs of your own moods?
- Do you want to boost your productivity?
- Can you see how you're stuck in outdated habits?
- Do you want to make lasting decisions that get your body where you want it to be?

Now that that's clear, let's get started. I'm giving you a chapter from my book, *Body Thrive*, to get you going in dialing down the first body shift that leads to a wellness breakthrough.

Here's the [first chapter of the book](#). Print it. Put it wherever you read. And read it.



# Your What, Your Why + Your Anchor

What do you want to have happen for your body, mind and/or spirit in the next 2 weeks?

List the outcomes you want to set in motion: This is your **WHAT**.

Ex. I want to sleep better. I want to live well-rested.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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List **WHY** you want the outcomes above.

Ex. I want to sleep better so that I can perform better at work. I want a promotion and a raise.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Create Your Anchor Statement

Your anchor statement anchors your future potential in your present consciousness and in your emotional body.

ex. I rise and shine.

Write your anchor statement:



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## Focus

### Simple + yummy

Dinner needs to be easy to digest. Humans are primates, and don't produce much bile at night to digest food. Create a simple and yummy meal. The later you eat, the lighter it needs to be. Soups and salads... raw or cooked.... cold or warm, depending on season.

### Plan ahead

You have to schedule an earlier dinner. If you normally work out after work, you'll need to move it to before work. You'll have more time in the morning from going to bed earlier.

### Know your triggers

If you usually go out with friends for an 8 or 9 pm meal it's going to be a trigger when you go to make plans next. Think about other ways or times to connect with your peeps.

### Set a cut-off time.

Set a time. The hard-core of you will choose dusk. Others, might simply move your ingestion cut-off time back 30 minutes, until it ends up around 6 pm most nights. Having an exception here and there is a.o.k. But, aim for the cut off to be consistent at least 5 x a week.

### After Dinner Time

You will have more time after dinner when you move your dinner earlier. Take a walk in summer. Play a game or work on a fun project in winter. Go to bed early.

### Visualize

Right now take a minute and see yourself enjoying a lighter, earlier dinner. Notice how it feels to go lie down for sleep with a lighter feeling in your belly.



## Food

### Keep the meal simple

Dinner used to be called supper... meaning a "little supplement". Not a show-stopper... but a little something. Soups, stews, fruit salads, green salads, marinated salads, one pot meals. Keep it simple.

### Make a weekly meal plan

If you don't plan ahead you can't change your momentum. Schedule a time each week on your day off. Put it in your schedule. Print a blank meal planner. Fill it out. Make a grocery list at the same time. Pin the planner to your fridge.

### Don't snack

You won't be hungry for an early dinner if you eat something besides a piece of fruit between lunch and dinner. Let your hunger develop for an early dinner.

### Prepare food in the morning

This one might seem impossible. Preparing food in the morning is easy when you plan ahead. You can use a rice cooker or a crock pot. You can bake root vegetables while you get ready for the day. Throw them into a blender to make soup at night.

### Quick ideas:

Roast root vegetables in the morning to put on a salad for a quick dinner.

Add veggie broth cubes and hot water for a soup.

Have quinoa in a rice cooker ready when you get done from work.

Marinate a kale salad in the morning when you're making breakfast.



# Lighter Dinners \*quick guide\*

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## Soups

### Cate's basic soup

1 Rapunzel veggie bouillon cube  
2 cobs worth of corn, cut off husk  
1 small zucchini  
1/2 an avocado (more if you want more fat!)  
pinch of cayenne  
1 date  
1 clove roasted garlic  
1 lime, juiced with pulp  
1 anaheim pepper  
4 c. hot water

Blend. Garnish: 1/2 c. chopped cilantro  
Add salt if your bouillon isn't salted.

### Curry Squash Soup

4 cups butternut squash, chopped  
1 cup fresh apple juice or cider  
1/3 cup orange juice  
1/3 cup water  
2 large stalks celery  
1/2 a leek  
1 tsp. curry paste  
4 pitted and soaked dates  
1 tsp sea salt  
1 tsp. nama shoyu

Blend all in a high speed blender till smooth and creamy. \*\*If you don't have a high speed blender, steam the squash and celery first. Then, blend. You can reheat on the stove post-blending.



## Warm Salads

- I assume you know how to make a raw green salad. Eat those too!
- Make at least 30 minutes before eating. Or make in the morning for lunch or dinner!

4 cups thinly sliced raw greens (kale, collards, chard)

### Simple Dressing:

1/8 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice  
1/8 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
1 cloves garlic, crushed or 1 " shredded ginger root

### Options:

avocado, grated beets, grated carrots, parsley, sage, rosemary or thyme. Or cilantro, dill, lemon, balm!, pine nuts, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds raw dried or fresh berries

### Fennel Slaw:

2 apples, one chopped, one grated  
1 fennel bulb, grated  
1/2 lemon  
1 carrots  
1 c. green cabbage, grated  
1 c. red cabbage, grated  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup pumpkin seeds

Place apples in bowl. Squeeze the juice from 1/2 lemon over the apples and stir. Add the rest of ingredients and combine.



# What Time is Dinner Worksheet

What is your biggest obstacle to eating an earlier dinner?

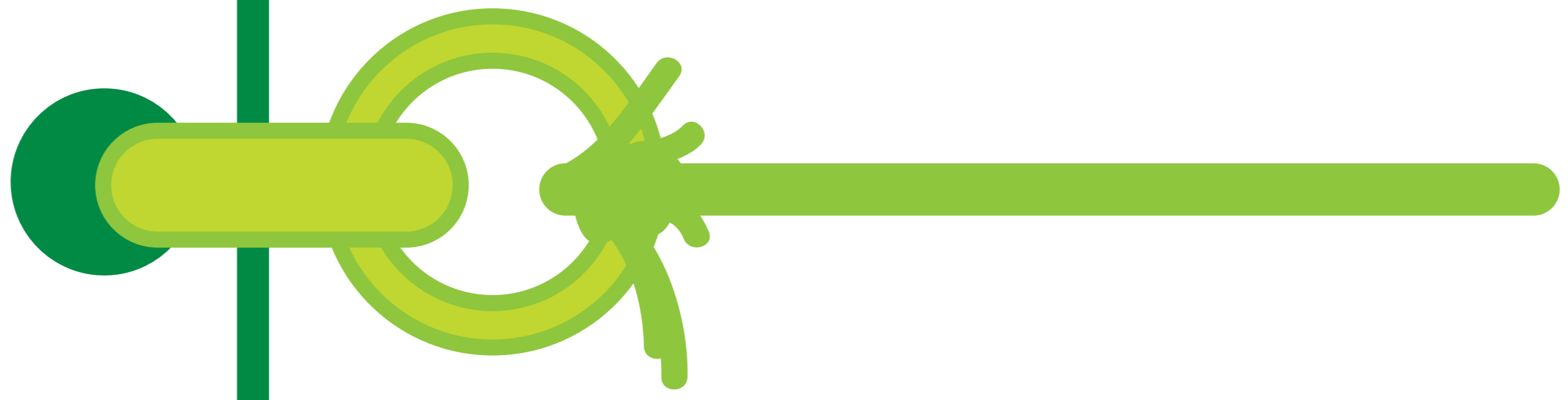
What is your strategy around the obstacle?

What is the time you feel comfortable committing to for an earlier dinner - that is a change you know are capable of making successfully?

Can you commit to making this change 4-5 out of 7 nights a week?  
Nail down any specifics that will help make this your new normal.

**kitchen closed**





**Kitchener closed**



# Obstacles + Strategies Worksheet

Obstacle 1:

Strategy 1:

Obstacle 2:

Strategy 2:

Obstacle 3:

Strategy 3:





# Weekly meal planner

Obstacle 1:

Week of	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Shopping list:			

