INTERPERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS HANDOUT 8

Worry Thoughts and Wise Mind Self-Statements

Turn negative thoughts into realistic ones.

permission.

| 1. | Why bother asking? It won't make a difference anyway. WISE MIND STATEMENT: |
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| 2. | If I ask for something, she'll think I'm stupid. WISE MIND STATEMENT: |
| 3. | I can't take it if he's [she's] upset with me. WISE MIND STATEMENT: |
| 4. | If I say "no," they won't like me or want to hang out with me anymore. WISE MIND STATEMENT: |
| 5. | If I say "no," they'll be really angry at me. WISE MIND STATEMENT: |
| 6. | If I make a request or ask for help, I will look weak. WISE MIND STATEMENT: |
| Examples of Wise Mind Self-Statements: | |
| 1. | "Just because I didn't get what I wanted last time does not mean that if I ask skillfully this time that I won't get it." |
| 2. | "I can handle it if I don't get what I want or need." |
| 3. | "It takes a strong person to admit that he [she] needs help from someone else and then ask for it." |
| 4. | "If I say 'no' to people and they get angry, it doesn't mean I should have said 'yes.'" |
| 5. | "I can deal with it if he [she] is annoyed with me." |
| Others? | |
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