EMOTION REGULATION HANDOUT 9

ACCUMULATING Positive Experiences—Short Term

(To Build a Dam between You and the Sea of Emotional Dyscontrol)

In the Short Term:

Do pleasant things that are possible right now.

- Increase pleasant activities that lead to positive emotions.
- Do one thing each day from the Pleasant Activities List. Also consider the Parent-Teen Shared Pleasant Activities List.
- Be mindful of positive experiences.



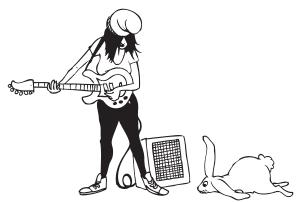


Be Mindful of Positive Experiences:

- Focus your attention on positive events while they are happening.
- Refocus your attention when your mind wanders to the negative.
- Participate fully in the experience.

Be Unmindful of Worries:

- Don't destroy positive experiences by thinking about when they will end.
- Don't think about whether you deserve this positive experience.
- Don't think about how much more might be expected of you now.



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