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## ENVY

Envy FITS THE FACTS of a situation whenever:

- A. Another person or group has what you want or need but don't have.
- B. Other example: \_\_\_\_

Follow these suggestions when your envy is NOT JUSTIFIED by the facts or is NOT EFFECTIVE:

### **OPPOSITE ACTIONS for Envy**

Do the OPPOSITE of your envious action urges. For example:

- **1.** INHIBIT DESTROYING what the other person has.
- 2. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Make a list of the things you are thankful for.

### ALL-THE-WAY OPPOSITE ACTIONS for Envy

**3.** COUNT ALL your blessings.

Avoid discounting some blessings. Avoid exaggerating your deprivations.

- 4. Stop EXAGGERATING others' net worth or value; check the facts.
- 5. CHANGE YOUR POSTURE.

Unclench hands with palms up and fingers relaxed (WILLING HANDS). Relax chest and stomach muscles. Unclench teeth. Relax facial muscles. Half-smile.

#### 6. CHANGE YOUR BODY CHEMISTRY.

For example, do paced breathing by breathing in deeply and breathing out slowly.