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JEALOUSY

Jealousy FITS THE FACTS of a situation whenever:

- A. Someone is threatening to take a very important and desired relationship or object away from you.
- B. An important and desired relationship is in danger of being damaged or lost.
- C. Other example: _

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

OPPOSITE ACTIONS for Jealousy

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

- 1. LET GO of controlling others' actions.
- 2. SHARE the things and people you have in your life.

ALL-THE-WAY OPPOSITE ACTIONS for Jealousy

3. STOP SPYING or snooping.

Suppress probing questions ("Where were you? Who were you with?"). Fire your "private detective."

4. NO AVOIDING. Listen to all the details. Focus on sensations.

Keep your eyes open; look around. Take in all the information about the situation.

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.