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- 1. Identify where your thinking has become distorted.
- 2. Use a straightforward approached.
- 3. Do a Pro-Con analysis.
- 4. Look for proof.
- 5. Reality testing.
- 6. Experiment.
- 7. Switch places.
- 8. Predictions.
- 9. Testing the negatives.
- 10. Look for gray.
- 11. Definitions.
- 12. Stay focused.
- 13. Rid yourself of should.
- 14. Blame game.
- 15. Acceptance.

- 1. Review the Cognitive Distortions list. Where do you find yourself?
- 2. Substitute a more positive thought, even if it seems only pretending.
- 3. List the Pros/ Cons of a negative thought, feeling or belief. We all get something out of it.
- 4. Look for evidence that support your beliefs.
- 5. Look objectively at your self-talk. Is it all true? Could it be? It's also helpful to put some distance between ourselves and our problems. (Outer Space)
- 6. Try blowing up the negative self-talk 100%, do you see how ridiculous it all sounds?
- 7. Pretend you are talking compassionately to a good friend who has been hurt. Talk to yourself that way.
- 8. Predict how satisfying an activity will be ahead of time. Record how they turn out. Are you using a self-fulfilling model?
- 9. Circle a negative thought and ask yourself what is the worst that could become of it? Do you want to go there? How far do you want to go?
- 10. Identify areas where you think in black or white.
- 11. Get a dictionary. Look up the words you believe to be true about yourself. How much truth is there?
- 12. Stay focused on reality. Pull yourself out of the dredges of self-hate. Be here in the now. You can be alright.
- 13. Eliminate "Should" statements from your vocabulary. They are loaded with judgments.
- 14. Consider the contributing factors when something goes array.
- 15. Accept that nobody is perfect. Be aware of your quirks.