DISTRESS TOLERANCE HANDOUT 18A (Distress Tolerance Worksheet 16)

Behavior Patterns Characteristic of Addict Mind and of Clean Mind

ADDICT MIND

- □ Engaging in addictive behavior.
- Thinking, "I don't really have a problem with addiction."
- □ Thinking, "I can do a little."
- Thinking, "I can indulge my habit, if only on weekends."
- □ Thinking, "I can't stand this!"
- Glamorizing addiction.
- Surfing the Internet for ways to engage in addictive behaviors.
- Buying paraphernalia (food, drugs, videos, etc.) for addictive behavior.
- Selling or exchanging items related to addictive behaviors.
- □ Stealing to pay for addiction.
- □ Prostituting for money or for paraphernalia.
- Lying.
- □ Hiding.
- □ Isolating.
- □ Acting always busy; "Got to go!"
- Breaking promises.
- □ Committing crimes.
- Acting like a corpse.
- Having "no life."
- □ Acting desperate/obsessed.
- □ Not looking people in the eyes.
- □ Having poor hygiene.
- Avoiding doctors.
- Other: _____
- Other: ____
- Other:

CLEAN MIND

- Engaging in apparently irrelevant behaviors that in the past inevitably led to addictive behavior.
- □ Thinking, "I've learned my lesson."
- Thinking, "I can control the habit."
- Thinking, "I don't really have an addiction problem any more."
- Stopping or cutting back medication that helps with addiction.
- Being in environments where others engage in addictive behaviors.
- □ Seeing friends who are still addicted.
- Living with people who are addicted.
- □ Keeping addiction paraphernalia.
- Carrying around extra money.
- Being irresponsible with bills.
- Dressing like an addict.
- □ Not going to meetings.
- Not confronting the problems that fuel my addictive behaviors.
- □ Acting as if only willpower is needed.
- □ Isolating.
- Believing, "I can do this alone."
- Thinking, "I can take pain medicine/diet/ engage in addictive behavior if prescribed or advised; I don't need to say anything about my past addiction."
- □ Thinking, "I can't stand this!"
- Other: _____
- Other:
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