Extended Judge-Your-Neighbor Worksheet

Think of a stressful situation with someone—for example, an argument. As you meditate on that specific time and place and begin to feel what that felt like.

- Use short, simple sentences to fill in the blanks in the **bold statements** (STATEMENTS 1.-6.)
- In the next page, refer to your statements again to ask the four questions (a-d), and turn it around
- You may leave the second page blank if you plan to request a call for guidance or support

SITUATION 1. In this situation, who angers, confuses, hurts, saddens, or disappoints you, and why?

		because	
emo		er/them/name	
1 am angry	with Paul because he l	lied to me.	
In this situ	ation, how do you wa	ant him/her to change? What d	o you want him/her to do?
I want	to		
	her/them/name		
		. I want him to stop lying to me.	

ADVICE 3. In this situation, what advice would you offer him/her? "He/she should/shouldn't..."

s	hould/shouldn't	 	
he/she/they/name			
<i>,</i>			

Paul shouldn't frighten me with his behavior. He should take a deep breath.

NEEDS 4. In order for you to be happy in this situation, what do you need him/her to think, say, feel, or do?

I need ______ to _____

WANTS

I need Paul to stop talking over me. I need him to really listen to me.

COMPLAINTS 5. What do you think of him/her in this situation? Make a list. (It's okay to be petty and judgmental.)

_____is/are ____

he/she/they/name

Paul is a liar, arrogant, loud, dishonest, and unconscious.

PRACTICE 6. What is it about this person and situation that you don't ever want to experience again?

I don't ever want Paul to lie to me again. I don't ever want to be disrespected again.

Now question each of your statements, using <u>the four questions</u> in the next page. For <u>the turnaround</u> to statement 6, replace the words I don't ever want... with I am willing to... and I look forward to...

STATEMENT 1. The four questions - Example: Paul lied to me.

- a. Is it true? (Yes/No. If no, move to question c.) b. Can you absolutely know that it's true? (Yes/No)
- c. How do you react, what happens, when you believe that thought?
- d. Who or what would you be without the thought?

Turn the thought around (As you visualize the situation, contemplate how each turnaround is as true or truer)

I lied to me. I lied to Paul. Paul didn't lie to me. Paul told me the truth.

STATEMENT 2. The four questions - Example: I want Paul to see that he is wrong.

a. Is it true? (Yes/No. If no, move to question c.) b. Can you absolutely know that it's true? (Yes/No)

- c. How do you react, what happens, when you believe that thought?
- d. Who or what would you be without the thought?

Turn the thought around (As you visualize the situation, contemplate how each turnaround is as true or truer)

I want me to see that I'm wrong. I want me to stop lying to me.

STATEMENT 3. The four questions - Example: Paul should take a deep breath.

a. Is it true? (Yes/No. If no, move to question c.) b. Can you absolutely know that it's true? (Yes/No)

- c. How do you react, what happens, when you believe that thought?
- d. Who or what would you be without the thought?

Turn the thought around (As you visualize the situation, contemplate how each turnaround is as true or truer)

I shouldn't frighten Paul/me with my behavior. I should take a deep breath.

- STATEMENT 4. The four questions Example: I need Paul to stop talking over me.
 - a. Is it true? (Yes/No. If no, move to question c.) b. Can you absolutely know that it's true? (Yes/No)
 - c. How do you react, what happens, when you believe that thought?
 - d. Who or what would you be without the thought?

Turn the thought around (As you visualize the situation, contemplate how each turnaround is as true or truer)

I need me to stop talking over me/Paul. I need me to really listen to me/him.

STATEMENT 5. Turn the thought around (As you visualize the situation, contemplate how each turnaround is as true or truer)

Paul is a truth-teller, humble/down-to-earth, quiet/soft, honest and aware.

STATEMENT 6. <u>Turn the thought around</u> (If it comes up again, it's just another worksheet)

I am willing to	
I am willing to have Paul lie and disrespect me again	л.

___ again.

again.

l look forward to ______ I look forward to Paul lying and disrespecting me again.

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