Changing Emotions by Acting Opposite to the Current Emotion

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FEAR

Do what you are afraid of doing....OVER AND OVER AND OVER. Approach events, places, tasks, activities, people you are afraid of. Do things to give yourself a sense of CONTROL and MASTERY. When overwhelmed, make a list of small steps or tasks you can do. DO the first thing on the list.

GUILT OR SHAME

When guilt o r shame is JUSTIFIED (emotion FITS your wise mind values) Repair the transgression.

Say you 're sorry, apologize.

Make things better - do something nice for person you offended (or someone else, if that is not possible).

Commit to avoiding that mistake in the f uture.

Accept the consciences gracefully.

Then let it go.

GUILT OR SHAME

When guilt or shame is UNJUSTIFIED (emotion DOES NOT fit your wise mind values)