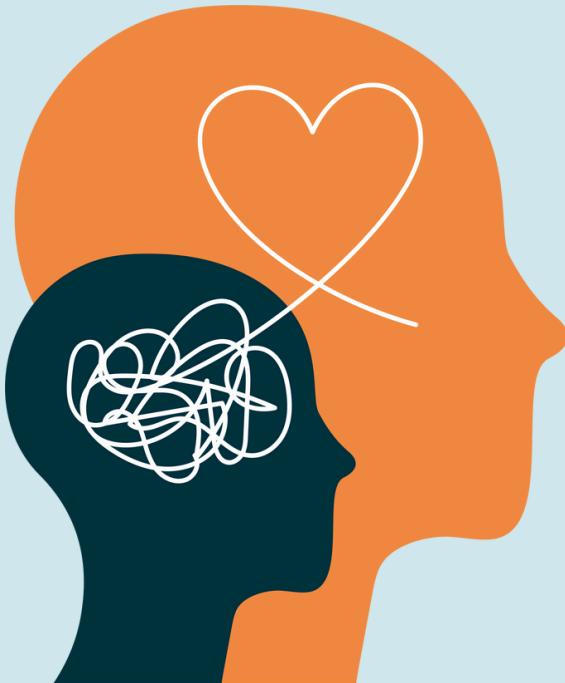




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Men's Mental Health & Wellness Toolkit



A practical guide from Exceptional Wellness Counseling
to support emotional strength, resilience,
and whole-person wellbeing.



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How to Use This Workbook

This toolkit is designed to help you slow down, reflect, and build habits that support your emotional health.

There's no right or wrong way to use it — move at your own pace, skip around, or return to exercises whenever you need grounding. Your only job here is to be honest and curious with yourself.

Section 1: Understanding Your Baseline

Exercise 1: Your Internal Check-In

Take 5 minutes to reflect privately.
There's no "right way" to do this – just honesty
and curiosity.

- ❖ What I've been carrying lately
(stress, responsibilities, expectations)
- ❖ What feels heavy or draining right now
- ❖ What I hope to improve about my mental, emotional,
or physical wellbeing

Example:

“I’ve been carrying a lot of pressure at work and some guilt about not being present at home. I feel mentally tired and physically tense.”

Exercise 2: Stress + Coping Snapshot

Prompts:

- ❖ When I'm stressed, I usually...
- ❖ What actually helps me feel grounded is...
- ❖ A coping habit I rely on that isn't helping me right now is...

Example:

“When I’m stressed, I shut down and avoid people. What grounds me is going for a walk or talking to someone I trust.”

Section 2: Emotional Strength Reset

Exercise 3: Naming the Hard Stuff

At EWC, we often remind our clients:
“Naming a feeling is often the first step toward shifting it.”

Prompts:

- ❖ One emotion I tend to avoid is...
 - ❖ I avoid it because...
- ❖ If this emotion could speak, it would say...

Reflection:

- ❖ What might change if I allowed myself to feel this emotion a little more safely?

Example:

Emotion: Anger

If it could speak: "I'm tired of holding everything alone."

Exercise 4: Reframing “I Should...” Statements

Rewrite rigid expectations into compassionate, human statements.

Example:

❖ “I should handle everything myself.”

→ Reset: “It’s okay for me to ask for support when I need it.”

❖ “I should never feel anxious.”

→ Reset: “Anxiety is a normal signal – not a failure.”

Your turn:

Section 3: Mental Health Habits That Build Strength

Exercise 5: The 5-Minute Daily Reset

Choose one reset each day:

- ❖ A 5-minute walk without your phone
- ❖ One intentional deep breath before reacting
- ❖ Write one sentence describing how you're feeling
- ❖ Choose one small action that helps your body feel good (stretching, water, fresh air, rest)

Reflection:

- ❖ Which reset felt most supportive?
- ❖ Which was hardest to follow through on?

Exercise 6: Identity + Purpose Questions

Choose 2-3 prompts:

- ❖ What kind of man do I want to be at this stage of my life?
- ❖ What brings me meaning that I've pushed aside?
- ❖ What part of myself do I want to reconnect with or rebuild?

Example:

"I want to be more patient and present. I've pushed aside hobbies that used to make me feel creative."

Section 4: Connection & Support

Exercise 7: Strengthening Your Support Network

Prompts:

- ❖ Who are 2-3 people I can be real with?
- ❖ What usually stops me from reaching out?
- ❖ One small connection I can make this week is...

Examples of support:

- Texting a friend: “Hey, checking in – how are you?”
 - Scheduling a therapy session
 - Calling a sibling or parent
 - Grabbing coffee with someone safe

Exercise 8: Asking for Support (Script Practice)

Examples:

- ❖ Barrier: “I don’t want to burden anyone.”
→ Reset: “People who care about me want to understand what I’m feeling.”
- ❖ Barrier: “I should figure this out alone.”
→ Reset: “Seeking support is a sign of strength, not weakness.”

Now your turn:

Barrier → Reset

Barrier → Reset

Section 5: Action Plan

Exercise 9: Your Weekly Wellness Rituals

Choose 1–2 rituals to try this week:

- ❖ A weekly “reset hour” just for you
- ❖ An intentional workout or outdoor activity
- ❖ One honest conversation with someone you trust

Example Weekly Plan:

- Monday: 5-minute walk
- Wednesday: Reset hour
- Friday: Honest check-in with someone I trust

Exercise 10: Personal Commitment Statement

Write your pledge:

"I commit to prioritizing my mental health and wellbeing by _____. I will treat myself with compassion, reach out for support when I need it, and build habits that help me become the man I want to be."

If you'd like support in strengthening your emotional wellbeing, managing stress, or deepening self-awareness, our clinicians at Exceptional Wellness Counseling specialize in **men's mental health**, including:

- Stress, burnout, and anger
- Identity changes, transitions, and work pressure
- Relationship and family stress
- Grief, anxiety, and trauma
- Building emotional awareness and communication

We offer in-person and virtual therapy with flexible scheduling and evidence-based approaches tailored to your goals

Ready to take the next step?

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