Values behind Striving - Review journal

Review an attempt at values behind striving and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 minutes

Fictional example: Morgan wants a promotion for security and also fears being overlooked.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Ambition can be examined for meaning, social context, and personal cost.

Practice task

Distinguish a valued aim from a need to prove superiority or avoid shame without labeling either motive as your whole identity.

1. What I tried, or what happened in the fictional example:

2. What I noticed before, during, and after; what remains uncertain:

3. What helped, did not help, or was outside my control:

4. Which motive would you like to give more influence? My optional adjustment or support request:

Scope and adaptation

Explore patterns as collaborative hypotheses. Do not infer personality from sibling position, treat recollections as recovered facts, blame people for coping, or frame structural inequality as a lack of effort.

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