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# Self Compassion vs Self Esteem

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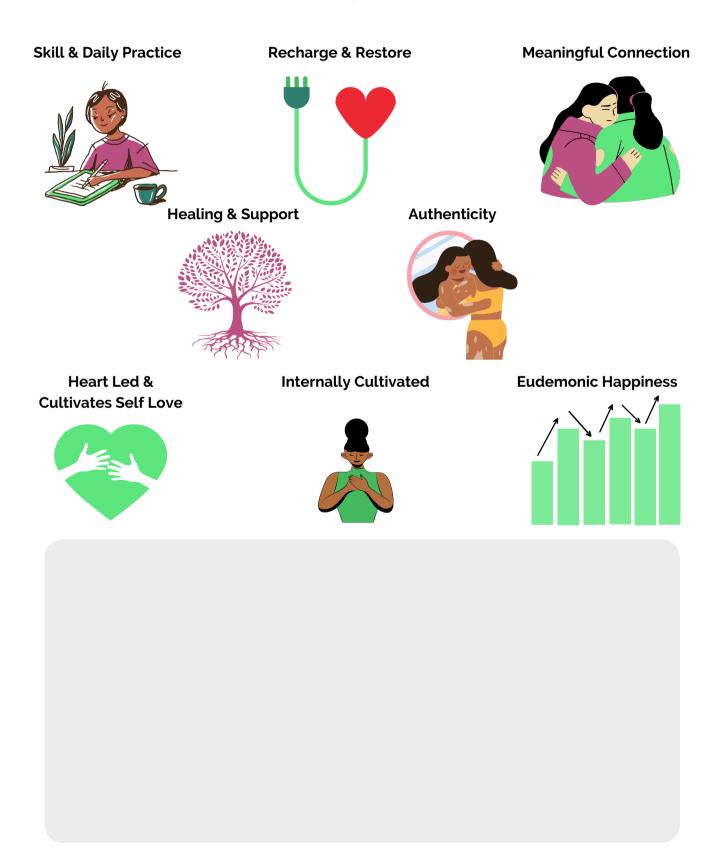
"Self-compassion is simply giving the same kindness to ourselves that we would give to others."

- Kristen Neff



## Self Compassion

Unlike self criticism, which asks if "you're good enough", Self compassion asks "What's good for you?" - Kristen Neff





### Self Esteem

You cannot always have high self esteem and your life will continue to be flawed and imperfect - but self compassion, will always be there waiting for you, a safe haven.

### - Kristen Neff

Based on how we feel about ourselves



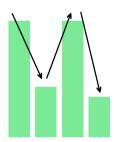
Assessment of who we are



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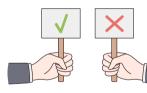
Unreliable measure of worth



Relies & seeks external validation



Bases worth on goals, achievements, value



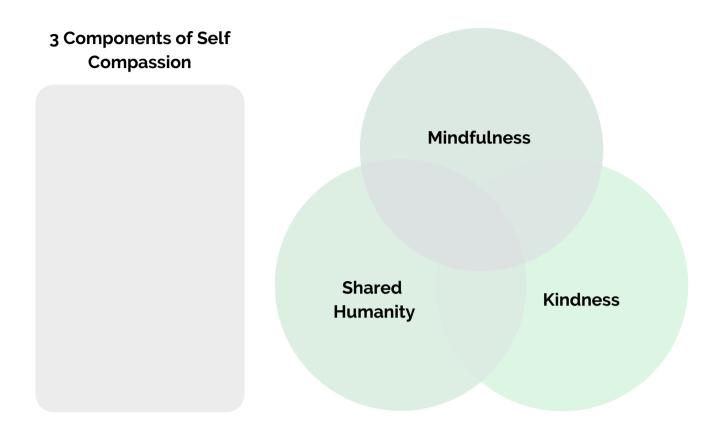


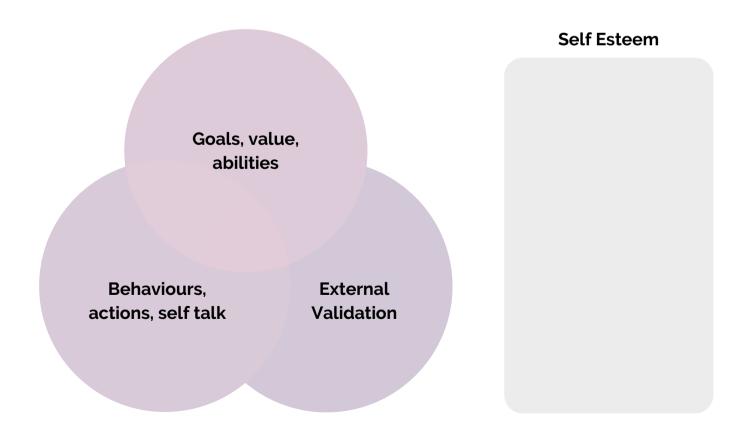
**Self Esteem** - You can have high self esteem but still be insecure if we're overly critical of our imperfections because our self esteem is an assessment of who we are and what we've accomplished compared to our values and our goals.

Even with high self esteem we can still be insecure if we're self critical - Kristen Neff



# Integration Is Key







# Self Compassion A Healthier Measure

Resilience
Authenticity
Freedom
Healing
Reparenting
Self Security
Meaningful connection to ourselves
Increased self esteem
Self Dependance
Love
Belonging
Confidence
Kindness & Support for others



Takeaway I...

Takeaway 2...

Takeaway 3...