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Mental Health & Self Love

Self-Love:

Having regard for our own well-being and contentment (APA, 2023).

What Self-Love Is Not:

Some critics think self-love is a modern concept and is merely selfindulgence. They view self-love as excessively focusing on yourself and akin to <u>narcissism</u>. But self-love is not about having a grandiose sense of self or being puffed up with self-importance. Self-love means taking care of your needs and recognizing that you have value.

		Love Toward Others	Self-Love
Self- Compassion	Setting Boundaries	Spending time with friends and family.	Setting boundaries, re- garding time, with your- self and others to de- crease stress and anxiety.
Self-	Daily	Spending money on a vacation for Spring Break.	Asking peers to help chip in and/or asking for them to pay upfront to avoid financial distress.
Forgiveness	Reflection & Gratitude	Volunteering your time to help friends set up a date/party.	"Thank you so much for thinking of me! Unfor- tunately, I am unable to do this right now."
"We teach others how to love us, so why not		Buying family/friends/ sig others gifts for holi- days or special events.	Investing time and mon- ey into your own well- being in lieu of tending to others' needs before your own.
start loving ourselves? New Ways to Connect!			to Connect!
Easy Ways to S	.how Self-Love Togetherall is a safe, online community to share feelings anonymously and get support to improve mental health and wellbeing. In the community people support each other, safely monitored by licensed and registered mental health practitioners. www.togetherall.com		
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