Misconceptions about Emotions

1. There is a right way to feel in every situation.
Reality challenge:
2. Letting other know that I am feeling bad is a weakness.
Reality challenge:
3. Feeling angry is bad and destructive.
Reality challenge:
4. Being emotional means being out-of-control.
Reality challenge:
5. Emotions can just happen for no reason.
Reality challenge:
6. Some emotions are really stupid, a waste.
Reality challenge:
7. All painful emotions are a result of a bad attitude or a weak character.
Reality challenge:
8. If others don't approve of my feelings, I shouldn't feel that way.
Reality challenge:

9. Other people are the best judge of how I am feeling, not me.
Reality challenge:
10. Painful emotions should just be ignored.
Reality challenge:
11. Anger is a bad thing.
Reality challenge:
12. If I get angry, people won't like me anymore.
Reality challenge:
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Reality challenge:
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