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10 Signs of Emotional Exhaustion

Understanding the quieter ways prolonged stress can affect everyday life.

Emotional exhaustion does not always look dramatic. Sometimes it looks like continuing to function while feeling increasingly depleted, disconnected, or overwhelmed.

1. You feel tired even after rest
Sleep or time off does not leave you feeling truly restored.

2. Small tasks feel overwhelming
Ordinary responsibilities feel heavier than they used to.

3. You feel emotionally numb or disconnected
Enjoyment, interest, or connection feel harder to access.

4. You constantly feel 'on'
Relaxing is difficult, even when nothing urgent is happening.

5. You feel irritable more often
Small frustrations feel bigger than they normally would.

6. You have difficulty saying no
You keep accommodating others even when your energy is low.

7. Your body feels the stress
Tension, headaches, digestive changes, or poor sleep may show up more often.

8. Rest creates guilt
Slowing down can make you feel unproductive or uneasy.

9. You feel disconnected from yourself
Your interests, preferences, or sense of self have been pushed aside.

10. You keep waiting for life to slow down
Wellbeing keeps getting postponed until later.

A Gentle Reminder

Noticing a pattern is not a diagnosis. It may be an invitation to consider what is asking so much of you, what helps you recover, and what support may be needed.

Continue Your Reflection

- Your Emotional Reserves Check-In
- Finding Your Footing: A Whole-Person Wellness Guide

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