

# An Important Practice for Feeling Beautiful

How to begin to redirect your anxious feelings

Before you get started with this practice, here's something to keep in mind:

The goal here is two-fold:

- 1. To help you work through the anxiety you feel about your body.
- 2. To help you step into a new found sense of body confidence.

Okay, with those two things in mind, let's take action!

## **Taking Action**

In order to deal with the anxiety you feel about your body, you need to spend some time with her. I'll admit upfront... this first practice won't be easy - but if the women in the Dove Campaign can show off their bodies on TV, I think you can look at yours in the mirror.

#### 1) Find a Mirror

Look at yourself. I want you to practice thinking of your body as a friend, and not an enemy. Make a copy of the Dove Ladies and pin this picture on your mirror to remind you of your uniqueness. How would a friend feel if he/she knew that you felt a lot of anxiety about your relationship with him/her? Not great, right?

#### 2) Talk with your Body

Be honest about your worries and concerns with her. Maybe you feel, "Yuck." Maybe you'll start picking on her. Maybe you see a few things you like. Be honest about these words and emotions.

### 3) Learn to Listen

What does your body need from you? What is she saying back in response to the things you're worried about?

#### Remember

When viewing and noticing the unique, different body types from the **Dove Campaign**, Do you feel you can join these ladies in the picture and bring your body confidence to a new level?