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Cause/Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of being exposed, rejected, or harmed • Focus on self • <i>Protecting self</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on God • Knowing Him • Respect • Love
What Intensifies It?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past experiences—<i>history of victimization</i> • <i>Assumptions of the world: blame shifting, self-esteem</i> • <i>Needing to be liked, appreciated, or respected</i> • <i>Belief that feelings more important than faith</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being amazed by Him • Trials and God's chastening hand • Understanding God's love • OT stories and Psalms that present a big God
Effects/Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worry • Lack of love (1 Cor 13:5) • Affects intimacy with God • Pessimism • Anger (<i>why don't they respect me?</i>) • Any form of one-upmanship • Avoiding people and situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxed • <u>Freedom</u> • Happiness, joy (Jn 13:17) • Lack of worry • Genuine love for others—not spoiled by selfishness
How Can I Tell Where I'm Living?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of closure to a situation. It's not over. I will face something like this again. • Ask, "Who am I pleasing?" • Ask, "Who am I thinking about? Me or others?" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's over. • How do I react to loss? <i>Am I persuaded that God is bigger than my loss?</i>

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