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2 SAMUEL 12:1-2 NIV

¹ THE LORD SENT NATHAN TO DAVID. WHEN HE CAME TO HIM, HE SAID, "THERE WERE TWO MEN IN A CERTAIN TOWN, ONE RICH AND THE OTHER POOR.

² THE RICH MAN HAD A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF SHEEP AND CATTLE,

2 SAMUEL 12:3 NIV

³ BUT THE POOR MAN HAD NOTHING EXCEPT ONE LITTLE EWE LAMB HE HAD BOUGHT. HE RAISED IT, AND IT GREW UP WITH HIM AND HIS CHILDREN. IT SHARED HIS FOOD, DRANK FROM HIS CUP AND EVEN SLEPT IN HIS ARMS. IT WAS LIKE A DAUGHTER TO HIM.

2 SAMUEL 12:4 NIV

4 “NOW A TRAVELER CAME TO THE RICH MAN, BUT THE RICH MAN REFRAINED FROM TAKING ONE OF HIS OWN SHEEP OR CATTLE TO PREPARE A MEAL FOR THE TRAVELER WHO HAD COME TO HIM. INSTEAD, HE TOOK THE EWE LAMB THAT BELONGED TO THE POOR MAN AND PREPARED IT FOR THE ONE WHO HAD COME TO HIM.”

2 SAMUEL 12:5-6 NIV

⁵ DAVID BURNED WITH ANGER AGAINST THE MAN AND SAID TO NATHAN, "AS SURELY AS THE LORD LIVES, THE MAN WHO DID THIS MUST DIE!

⁶ HE MUST PAY FOR THAT LAMB FOUR TIMES OVER, BECAUSE HE DID SUCH A THING AND HAD NO PITY."

2 SAMUEL 12:7 NIV

⁷ THEN NATHAN SAID TO
DAVID, "YOU ARE THE MAN!"

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2 NIV

¹ THE SPIRIT CLEARLY SAYS THAT IN LATER TIMES SOME WILL ABANDON THE FAITH AND FOLLOW DECEIVING SPIRITS AND THINGS TAUGHT BY DEMONS.

² SUCH TEACHINGS COME THROUGH HYPOCRITICAL LIARS, WHOSE CONSCIENCES HAVE BEEN SEARED AS WITH A HOT IRON.

ROMANS 1:21–22 NIV

²¹ FOR ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY NEITHER GLORIFIED HIM AS GOD NOR GAVE THANKS TO HIM, BUT THEIR THINKING BECAME FUTILE AND THEIR FOOLISH HEARTS WERE DARKENED.

²² ALTHOUGH THEY CLAIMED TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS

ROMANS 1:23–24 NIV

²³ AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE IMMORTAL GOD FOR IMAGES MADE TO LOOK LIKE A MORTAL HUMAN BEING AND BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND REPTILES.

²⁴ THEREFORE GOD GAVE THEM OVER IN THE SINFUL DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS TO SEXUAL IMPURITY FOR THE DEGRADING OF THEIR BODIES WITH ONE ANOTHER.

HEBREWS 6:4-5 NIV

⁴ IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ONCE BEEN ENLIGHTENED, WHO HAVE TASTED THE HEAVENLY GIFT, WHO HAVE SHARED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

⁵ WHO HAVE TASTED THE GOODNESS OF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE POWERS OF THE COMING AGE

HEBREWS 6:6 NIV

⁶ AND WHO HAVE FALLEN AWAY, TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO REPENTANCE. TO THEIR LOSS THEY ARE CRUCIFYING THE SON OF GOD ALL OVER AGAIN AND SUBJECTING HIM TO PUBLIC DISGRACE.

HEBREWS 12:15-16 NIV

¹⁵ SEE TO IT THAT NO ONE FALLS SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD AND THAT NO BITTER ROOT GROWS UP TO CAUSE TROUBLE AND DEFILE MANY.

¹⁶ SEE THAT NO ONE IS SEXUALLY IMMORAL, OR IS GODLESS LIKE ESAU, WHO FOR A SINGLE MEAL SOLD HIS INHERITANCE RIGHTS AS THE OLDEST SON.

HEBREWS 12:17 NIV

¹⁷ AFTERWARD, AS YOU KNOW, WHEN HE WANTED TO INHERIT THIS BLESSING, HE WAS REJECTED. EVEN THOUGH HE SOUGHT THE BLESSING WITH TEARS, HE COULD NOT CHANGE WHAT HE HAD DONE.

HEBREWS 3:7–8 NIV

⁷ SO, AS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS:

“TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

⁸ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS YOU DID IN THE REBELLION, DURING THE TIME OF TESTING IN THE WILDERNESS,

SECTION 1

1. I FEEL UNSETTLED WHEN MY EFFORTS GO UNNOTICED.
2. I PREFER BEING PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED FOR MY CONTRIBUTIONS.
3. I FEEL SLIGHTED WHEN PEOPLE DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE MY TITLE, ROLE, OR STATUS.
4. I REPLAY COMPLIMENTS IN MY MIND OR SEEK THEM OUT.

SECTION 2

1. I COMPARE MY SUCCESS TO OTHERS IN MY FIELD OR CIRCLE.
2. I FEEL VALIDATED WHEN I AM DOING BETTER THAN OTHERS.
3. I PAY ATTENTION TO RANKINGS, LISTS, OR RECOGNITION TO SEE WHERE I STAND.
4. I FEEL DISCOURAGED WHEN OTHERS OUTPERFORM ME.

SECTION 3

1. I GET FRUSTRATED WHEN OTHERS DON'T DO THINGS THE WAY I WOULD.
2. I BELIEVE MY APPROACH IS USUALLY THE BEST WAY TO DO THINGS.
3. I STRUGGLE TO FULLY TRUST OTHERS TO LEAD OR EXECUTE WITHOUT MY INPUT.
4. I FEEL THE NEED TO CORRECT OTHERS WHEN THEY DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

SECTION 4

1. I FEEL BOTHERED WHEN OTHERS SUCCEED IN AREAS WHERE I WANT SUCCESS.
2. I SOMETIMES FEEL RELIEVED WHEN SOMEONE ELSE FAILS OR STRUGGLES.
3. I VIEW LEADERSHIP OR SUCCESS AS A COMPETITION.
4. I FIND IT HARD TO GENUINELY CELEBRATE OTHERS' WINS.

SECTION 5

1. MY FIRST REACTION TO CRITICISM IS TO DEFEND MYSELF.
2. I EXPLAIN MY INTENTIONS INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO FEEDBACK.
3. I STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE CRITICS COULD BE RIGHT.
4. I FEEL THE NEED TO PROVE PEOPLE WRONG WHEN CHALLENGED.

1. YEARNING FOR PRAISE & HUMAN ACCOLADES

- WHEN AFFIRMATION, TITLES, AND RECOGNITION BECOME EMOTIONALLY NECESSARY RATHER THAN SIMPLY APPRECIATED. IT SHIFTS FROM RECEIVING PRAISE TO *NEEDING IT TO FEEL SIGNIFICANT*.
- CONSTANTLY CHECKING SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT AFTER POSTING SERMONS, FEELING UNSETTLED IF LIKES OR COMMENTS ARE LOW, OR BECOMING OFFENDED WHEN NOT PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED OR PROPERLY TITLED.

2. KEEPING SCORE

- AN INTERNAL SYSTEM OF COMPARISON WHERE YOU MEASURE YOUR WORTH BY TRACKING HOW YOU STACK UP AGAINST OTHERS—MENTALLY TALLYING “WINS” AND “LOSSES” TO CONFIRM SUPERIORITY.
- REVIEWING CONFERENCE SPEAKER LINEUPS OR BOOK SALES LISTS TO SEE IF THEY RANK HIGHER THAN PEERS—AND FEELING A QUIET SENSE OF SATISFACTION WHEN OTHERS ARE EXCLUDED.

3. A CREATOR COMPLEX

- EVALUATING OTHERS BASED ON HOW CLOSELY THEY REFLECT YOUR IMAGE, METHODS, OR STANDARDS—SUBTLY ASSUMING YOUR WAY IS THE *RIGHT WAY* AND EXPECTING OTHERS TO CONFORM.
- BECOMING IRRITATED WHEN A TEAM MEMBER APPROACHES MINISTRY DIFFERENTLY AND CORRECTING THEM NOT FOR BIBLICAL ERROR—BUT FOR NOT DOING IT *YOUR WAY*.

4. RESENTING SUCCESS & REJOICING IN FAILURE

- OPERATING FROM COMPETITION RATHER THAN CALLING—WHERE ANOTHER PERSON'S SUCCESS FEELS LIKE YOUR LOSS, AND THEIR FAILURE FEELS LIKE YOUR GAIN.
- FEELING INWARDLY BOTHERED WHEN ANOTHER GROWS FASTER, GAINS VISIBILITY, OR RECEIVES OPPORTUNITIES—AND SECRETLY FEELING RELIEF OR SATISFACTION WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER SETBACKS.

5. COMPULSIVELY DEFENDING AGAINST CRITICISM

- AN IMMEDIATE, REFLEXIVE NEED TO PROTECT YOUR IMAGE—REJECTING CORRECTION AND ARGUING RATHER THAN LISTENING, PROCESSING, AND DISCERNING TRUTH.
- WHEN GIVEN FEEDBACK, INSTANTLY EXPLAINS, JUSTIFIES, OR PUSHES BACK—NEVER PAUSING TO CONSIDER THAT THE CRITICISM MIGHT CONTAIN TRUTH OR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH.

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