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Why You Need Constant Validation

And What It Says About You

It's not about attention...
It's about feeling enough. ♡



External vs. Internal Locus of Control

When your self-worth depends on others' opinions, you have an **external locus of control** — you give power to the outside world. True confidence grows when you develop an **internal locus of control** — where your sense of worth comes from within, not from others' approval.

You can't control what others think, but you can control how you see yourself. ♡

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1 Safety & Attachment

It often starts in early life.



- Humans are wired for connection and acceptance.
- If love felt conditional growing up, you may have learned to seek approval to feel safe.
- Validation can feel like emotional **safety**, especially if you fear rejection or abandonment.

"Approval can feel like safety when love once felt uncertain."

2 The Reassurance Trap

It never feels like enough.



- External validation gives a quick high, but it's temporary.
- Over time, you need more and more reassurance to feel the same.
- This can lead to anxiety, self-doubt, and losing touch with your own opinions and desires.

"The more you seek, the more you need. Breaking the cycle starts with awareness."

3 Locus of Control

You can choose where your power lives.



• Seeks approval	• Trusts self
• Fears judgment	• Stays grounded
• Feels anxious	• Feels calmer
• Depends on others	• Lives with purpose

"True freedom begins when your validation comes from within."

3 STEPS TO BUILD STRONGER SELF-WORTH

1 Reassurance Delay

Pause before seeking external approval.



- When you feel the urge to ask for validation, pause for 10–30 minutes.
- Notice how you feel, and what you actually need.
- You'll build resilience and trust in yourself over time.

Pause. Breathe. You've got this. ♡

2 Self-Validation Journaling

Give yourself the words you seek from others.



- Each day, write 3 things you're proud of.
- Acknowledge your efforts, not just the results.
- Be kind, honest and supportive with yourself.

Your voice matters too. ♡

3 Core Values Alignment

Make choices that feel right to you.



- Get clear on what truly matters to you (e.g. honesty, growth, kindness).
- Make decisions based on your values, not just others' opinions.
- The more you live in alignment, the less you need external validation.

A life true to you needs less approval. ♡

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PROGRESS OVER APPROVAL

You are enough just as you are. ♡