

BOUNDARY CAUTIONS



Be especially cautious:

1. *when a particular person is overly affectionate, admiring, etc.*
(are you enjoying the pedestal upon which someone has placed you?)
2. *when you are asked for advice on sensitive subjects, especially regarding sexual activity*
(instead of professional pastoral counseling techniques, are you enjoying the juiciness of the discussion?)
3. *when you are easily touched by another's tears*
(are you aroused by powerful feelings of sympathy and wishes to bring comfort?)
4. *when a person continually exhibits fragility or helplessness or highly dramatic "crises"*
(how are you colluding with the drama?)
5. *when a person has a personality disorder*
(are you educated on the traits of high-functioning adults suffering from psychological damage?)
6. *when a person longs so much for a loving relationship of any kind that he/she makes no demands on you and is constantly there to serve*
(have you allowed a relationship to become enmeshed?)