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from combativeness and destructiveness, gives him power, large cautiousness acts as a break to guard against too great a speed, and to act as a check in case of emergency.

His secretiveness appears to be full, and it gives him policy, reserve, a disposition to husband his resources, his strength, and to use the facts in his possession discreetly. He is not rash in speech, or impulsive in action. He takes time to consider, and weighs well the consequence of any proposed course, and generally counsels moderation. He has enough of the conservative to hold on to that which is good, and enough of the radical to adopt in the new whatever promises improvement.

His self-esteem is too small to give him that ease and dignity, self-command and respect for his own opinions and purposes, that tends to make a man highly independent. He needs more self-valuation. He falls below his own natural mark because of the spirit of diffidence in his own capacity and power. It is when he is pushed and obliged to act, that he shows his strength. He often finds, on mature acquaintance with persons, that they are not half as important persouages as his first impressions led him to suppose. He inclines to take the second seat in the synagogue, not the first, and often gives to others the first, who ultimately prove to him that they only deserve the second or third. He should be less modest, less diffident, cultivate self-assurance, and avoid self-abnegation.

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