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absence of obsession to son, wife, house
and so on

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Abhiṣvaṅga is the kind of intense attachment or affection you feel for what is particularly beloved such as a son, **putra**, wife, **dārā**, or house, **gr̥ha** and so on, **ādi**, all other similar people and things dear to you.

Abhiṣvaṅga is an excessive affection. The particle 'an' added makes the word negative. So here **anabhiṣvaṅga** means the absence of excessive attachment for those people or things that are generally considered very dear, **putra-dārā-gr̥hadi**.

ANABHIṢVAṄGA

Essentially, **anabhiṣvaṅga**, here, in the sense of a value, means dispassionate caring.

Lord Kṛṣṇa is not counselling abandonment of care or affection for family but is calling for objectivity in that caring.

In the discussion of the attitude of **asakti**, absence of the notion of ownership, we saw that we cannot have a special, total claim on any person or thing. In the understanding born of **asakti**, freedom from ownership, we will have **anabhiṣvaṅga**, lack of excessive attachment toward family.

However, it does not mean lack of care.

It means care and affection with dispassion.