RELATIONSHIPS

- 1) Seek forgiveness
 - a) Ask God to reveal my sin to me—both sin of omission and sin of commission.
 - b) Ask God for forgiveness.
 - c) Ask spouse for forgiveness where necessary for my sins of omission of and commission.
 - d) Ask others for forgiveness where necessary for sins of omission and commission which I've committed against them.
 - e) At each step pray for and wait for God's peace in my mind and heart that I've done all I can and should.
- 2) Seek understanding of spouse's heart <u>as God sees his or her heart</u>—not as I or even he or she sees it, but as God sees it.
 - a) My prayer: Help me God, to understand my spouse and their needs as you see them.
 - b) Again, pray for peace of mind and heart all through the process that I'm earnestly and honestly doing all that HE wants me to do in this regard.
 - c) Expect that this prayer and process will require repetition and time. Expect it only on God's time.
- 3) Ask God to help me use my gifts and abilities to meet spouse's reasonable needs as he directs or calls me to meet them.
 - a) Pray for and wait for God's peace in my mind and my heart that I am doing fully what He has asked.