

Deepening Spiritual Intimacy

Intimacy Disciplines Worksheet

Check (\checkmark) the "intimacy disciplines" you would like to see in your marriage.

♦ Saints cultivate intimacy with God, both individually and together.

- 1. Go to a Christian bookstore and get a "One Year Bible" or New Testament. Start reading! (Or get *The Message* N.T.-1 chapter a day.)
- 2. Five Psalms per day (Today's date x = 5 = 5) we finish with.)
- 3. One chapter of Proverbs per day (Today's date= chapter I/ we read.)
- 4. As a couple: Pray together, even silently! Husband initiate: "Honey, is there anything you are burdened with right now, anything weighing on you?" Then hold hands and pray (silently is OK).
- 5. *Intimate Moments* couple devotional guide. Daily readings, scripture, and prayers related to intimacy needs.

♦ Saints experience God's sorrow over their sin through genuine confession:

- 1. I did (or didn't) do it.
- 2. It was wrong.
- 3. It hurt God-Father, Son, and Spirit.
- 4. It hurt other people, specifically ...
- 5. I need forgiveness.

(Do our confessions to God and to each other include all these elements? Do we experience "godly sorrow" over our sin? See II Corinthians 7:10.)

♦ Saints express gratitude for God's many-faceted grace.

- 1. Through worship, freshly experiencing God's love, acceptance, comfort, and forgiveness.
- 2. Through intentional expressions of thanks (See "Journal of Gratefulness" handout).