SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT Daniel G. Bagby/BTSR

ISSUES IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Are you taking ownership of your own thoughts, feelings, choices?
- 2. What power are you aware of, and how are you using it?
- 3. What motivations are you aware of? Fear, shame, guilt, conscience, values, ethics, love
- 4. How much responsibility are you taking for issues you can't control?
- 5. Are you focusing mostly on *regrets* or gratitude and grace?
- 6. What boundaries need most careful attention?
- 7. Which relationships (or messages) are toxic in your journey?
- 8. To what degree are you an actor—vs. reactor, in decisions?
- 9. Do you have an identified community that nurtures you?
- 10. Are there some disciplines in your quest?

OBSTACLES TO GROWTH / THEOLOGIES TO DEVELOP

- 1. Can you live with some degree of ambiguity? (Do you have a theology of mystery?)
- 2. Can you understand doubt as fuel for discovery and faith? (Do you understand faith as a process?)
- 3. Can you follow in the darkness—while you wait? (Do you have a theology for the winter/silence?)
- 4. Have you learned to listen for the Spirit's voice in community? (Do you have a theology of relationship accountability?)
- 5. Can you make commitments to specific "opportunities"? (Are there some vows you are willing to take?)
- 6. What is your understanding of a Presence in your life? (How do you experience the Spirit?)
- 7. To what degree have you understood grace and love? (What small portion of *grace* and *love* do you understand?)
- 8. Have you developed a theology of waiting? (do you practice the discipline of postponed gratification?)