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3. _____

Now examine these activities one at a time. It could be that these activities are just so fun that you forget about God and you simply need to invite the Holy Spirit in to enjoy them with you. God likes to have fun also.

However, when deeply examining an activity you might discover that you really don't trust God in this area. You might think that in this activity you can do better for yourself than God can. When you find an area of your life like this (and if you are honest you will) then you have found an area that needs prayer in the Spirit. Remember that, over time, Satan has caused you to have a distorted outlook on this area. Remember that we are not to be the center over our world but a part of God's world. Pray to see this area of your life like God sees it.

Lastly, you may find that there are certain activities that you sort of hide from God, as if that were possible. Sometimes we think that God won't see us if we don't think about Him. These activities might or might not fall under the category of unrepentant sin. Do you need to closely examine them?

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