Self Defeating Beliefs:

AFTER the 4th Column

Considerations and Steps 5-12

The two biggest LIES we perpetuate are:

- a) That is the way it is! or
- b) Well, that's the way I am!

<u>Consideration 1</u>: IS THIS A LIE? (Look around your life for evidence) (The answer is always YES!)

TRUTH: (Example) "I have many friends and a family that loves me"

<u>Consideration 2:</u> If I was God dependent, how would I behave and who would I be? (Example) I would feel confident, secure and comfortable with myself and others; I would KNOW that I AM A CHILD OF GOD...NO BETTER OR WORSE THAN ANYONE ELSE!

THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO BELIEVE THIS LIE!!!

"By believing this lie, I am NOT a victim...I am a PARTICIPANT!!!"

<u>Harms:</u> "What harms have come from this belief??" (Example) Harms to ME...and everyone who has ever tried to know me!

What do I find objectionable about this belief? (Step 5) (Example) Feeling less than, unlovable, fearful, worthless, untrustworthy

Am I willing to forgive myself and those involved with supporting this belief (Step 6) (Example Prayer) "God, I forgive myself for living in a powerless state, and I forgive what I perceived as judgment from others. They are human, just like me.".

Am I willing to give this to God so I can have a new belief? (Step 7) (Example Prayer) "God, please help me to see the truth about this belief. I am your beloved child, no better or worse than anyone else."

Am I willing to make amends to myself, and others harmed by this belief? (Steps 8&9) (Example) I will seek the guidance of God to set right these wrongs.

Am I willing to be vigilant about allowing God to help me change this belief (Step10) (Example)I will allow God to empower me to continue to grow in trust and reliance on Him and the truth of who I am in His world."

Am I willing to seek freedom from this belief through prayer and meditation? (Step 11) (Example Prayer) "God, please help me to see the truth about these limiting, self-defeating beliefs that I may let them go and live as you created me to be."

Am I willing to help others break free from the bondage of these beliefs? (Step 12) (Example) As I recognize these beliefs in myself, I will hear them in the shares of the others and ask God to use me to help them.

"WITH GOD'S HELP, WE WILL SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE LIMITING BELIEFS, AND BE ABLE TO LET THEM GO, SO WE MAY BE FREE!"