Handout 3

Intimacy Expressions

Instructions: After considering each of the twelve expressions of intimacy here, list those people with whom you have had an experience of intimacy. You may list more than one person per category. Also, you may list the same person under several kinds of expressions of intimacy.

	Family Member	Close Friend	Spouse	Coworker
1. Sexual Intimacy (shared gestures of affection)				
2. Emotional Intimacy (tuned into each other's wavelength)				
3. Intellectual Intimacy (close in ideas)				
4. Aesthetic Intimacy (sharing experiences of beauty together)				
5. Creative Intimacy (sharing in acts of creating together)				
6. Recreational Intimacy (relating in experiences of fun and play)				

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7.	Work Intimacy (closeness of sharing common tasks)	 	
8.	Crisis Intimacy (closeness in coping with problems and pain)	 	
9.	Conflict Intimacy		
	(facing and struggling with differences)	 	
10.	10. Commitment Intimacy (mutuality derived from common self-investment)	 	
11	Spiritual Intimacy		
11.	(sharing of religious and spiritual concerns)	 	
12.	Communication Intimacy		
	(verbal and nonverbal sharing)	 	