

Donn was <sup>equally</sup> ~~equally~~ vexed in spirit by his deception. He shared that throughout his entire adult life he had held so high the importance of honesty, truth, and integrity and, in the final analysis, had himself been most dishonest and without integrity. In fact, a 14-year old girl had been more sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and to issues of integrity than had Donn. This history has revealed to Donn, and to us all, that his zealous commitment to the ideals of honesty and truth were merely intellectual and did not have the force of application in the reality of his daily Christian walk. Donn Ketchum was, after all, a dishonest and deceptive man. These truths grieve him deeply.

Russ and I were shocked by how quickly and how much Donn confessed. The Spirit of God went before us and prepared the way. It does appear that he has been totally truthful. But we were also shocked by how matter-of-factly he discussed these sins. There was only a slight hint of crying, no weeping, no sobbing, no evidence of a broken and utterly contrite spirit which God requires. Rather, his sense of humor was in tact, his creative wit and clever use of words were still laced throughout his comments. He even laughed on occasion. It was as if he were describing someone else! Could it be due to just individual differences? Could it be that the utter gravity of this situation produced such a numbing shock in Donn that he was merely going through the motions of mouthing what he had rehearsed for so long? The spirit of God had been convicting him with effect for at least two months, bringing him to within a hairsbreadth of completely confessing to Kit on a number of occasions. In fact, the night before he had slept only 1 hour because of the war of conviction raging within him. The fact remains, however, that we saw no remorse. Is this man really broken? Really repentant? Really ready to do business with God? Only time will tell.

Donn then requested an opportunity to be alone with Kitty. We granted that, of course, and Donn left with the agreement to return with Kit as soon as he was able. Surprisingly to both Russ and me, he and Kit arrived not more than a half hour later. How can a man who has done what Donn did, and done it repeatedly for so long, who has deeply hurt his loving and faithful wife, confess such gross sin so quickly?? Russ and I were shocked and shocked as well to see Kitty there. We had told Donn that if Kitty just couldn't come we certainly would understand, and we half expected that.

Kitty was predictably devastated! Shock, torment, anger, rage, bitterness, resentment, betrayal, shame, embarrassment, grief -- if not present then -- would soon visit her. She had been weeping and continued to quietly do so. Interestingly, her only notable questions pertained to how long they would have to pack and be off the field and to the severance package that ABWE would give. Perhaps that focus is an artifact of the unspeakable shock she was in.