**GAME PLAN 2015!** Part 1 January 4, 2015

**Romans 14:12**, So then, <u>each of us will give an account</u> of ourselves to God.

#### Cottonwood 2015: "This Is A <u>NO CONDEMNATION</u> Zone!"

**Romans 8:1**, *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* 

#### A Gracious Story Of Renewal

**Luke 15:13,** "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

- He Had To Get Fed Up With His <u>CURRENT SITUATION</u>
- He Had To Own Up To His <u>OWN SIN</u>
- He Had To Take <u>POSITIVE ACTION</u>

# Three Key Areas Of Growth In 2015:

# 1) Your <u>SPIRITUAL LIFE</u>

<u>Acts 2:41</u>, Those who <u>accepted his message were baptized</u>, and about three thousand were <u>added to their number</u> that day. <sup>42</sup><u>They devoted</u> <u>themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship</u>, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...<sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup><u>Every day they continued to meet together in</u> <u>the temple courts</u>. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. <u>And the Lord added to their number daily those who</u> <u>were being saved</u>.

#### **Three Habits Of Spiritual Health:**

- <u>CORPORATE</u> Worship
- <u>SMALL GROUP</u> Discipleship
- DAILY Devotion

<u>CCBC Helps</u>: Apologetics Sunday; Membership Workshop; Foundations Applied; Life Groups @ Church; and Life Groups @ Home - Sign up today in the Atrium.

# 2) Your <u>PHYSICAL LIFE</u>

<u>**3 John 1:2**</u>, *Dear friend, I pray that <u>you may enjoy good health</u> and that all may go well with you, even as <u>your soul is getting along well</u>.* 

<u>**1** Corinthians 6:12</u>, "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but <u>I</u> will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup>You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body,

however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body... <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

- My Body Belongs To God <u>I AM THE MANAGER</u> (v. 12 & 19)
- My Body Is Connected To The <u>BODY OF CHRIST</u> (v. 19)
- My Body Is A Tool To HONOR GOD (v. 20)

<u>CCBC Helps</u>: CreekFit morning work-out classes (weekday mornings: co-ed & ladies); Habits of Health Education Class (Sundays, 4:00p)

#### 3) Your <u>FINANCIAL LIFE</u>

# God Cares How I Spend My Money:

**Matthew 6:19,** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.  ${}^{20}But$  store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.  ${}^{21}For$  where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

# How I Use My Money:

- Shows What I <u>LOVE MOST</u>
- Shows What I <u>TRULY TRUST</u>
- Shows If God Can <u>TRUST ME</u>

**Luke 16:10,** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

#### • My Money Is A Tool To Be Used For GOD'S PURPOSES

CCBC Helps: Financial Peace University starts today at 4:15p