

SPIRITUAL HEALTH Reboot - Pt 1Pastor Craig Coulter January 15, 2023

THE LOST SON & THE LOVING FATHER: LUKE 15:11-24 (NLT)

1. GET FED UP WITH MY LIFE.

...he wasted it all...he had nothing left...he got <u>desperate and hungry</u>...he <u>finally came to his senses</u>... (Luke 15:13-14, 17)

GOD: "You'll find me <u>when you get serious</u> about finding me and <u>want it more</u> than anything else." (Jeremiah 29:13 MSG)

2. OWN UP TO MY SIN.

When he <u>came to his senses</u>, he said..." I have sinned against God and you..." (Luke 15:17-18)

Your sins have separated you from your God, and have hidden his face from you... (Isaiah 59:2)

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean! I recognize my faults and I am conscious that I've sinned against you. (Psalm 51:1-4 TEV)

The Lord says, "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow." (Isaiah 1:18 NLT)

The HABIT of a Regular Spiritual Check-up:

- Worship Am I passionately following Jesus Christ?
- Fellowship Am I doing life with other believers who hold me accountable?
- **Discipleship** Am I spending time every day with my heavenly Father?
- Ministry Am I serving other people?
- **Evangelism** Am I sharing my story of how Jesus has changed my life?

Test yourself to make sure you're solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourself regular checkups. If you fail the test, do something about it. (2 Corinthians 13:5 MSG)

3. OFFER UP MYSELF.

The son drifted away saying, "GIVE ME MY share..." (Luke 15:12)

He returned to the Father saying, "MAKE ME a servant." (Luke 15:19)

Because God is merciful to you, <u>OFFER YOURSELVES</u> as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. And do not conform to the pattern of this world, but <u>BE TRANSFORMED</u> by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:1-2 NIV)

THE FATHER'S RESPONSE

Filled with love and compassion, <u>he ran out</u> to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him!..." Bring the best..." (Luke 15:20, 22)

4. LIFT UP MY PRAISE.

"We're going to <u>celebrate with a feast</u> of eating and drinking...He was <u>lost but now he's found!</u> So the party begins!" (Luke 15:23-24)

I will sing to the Lord because he has been so good to me! (Psalm 13:6 NLT)