

# WHAT'S HURTING US RIGHT NOW? CRAVING PLEASURE

## THE CASE FOR RECREATION

*"...a time to weep and a time to laugh...a time to mourn and a time to dance." – Ecclesiastes 3:1,4*

- Ecclesiastes 2:24 – "Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God."
- Proverbs 17:22 – "A merry heart does good, like medicine..."
- Ecclesiastes 9:9 – "Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun..."
- 1 Timothy 4:8 – "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things..."

## WHEN DOES RECREATION BECOME SINFUL?

- Romans 1:24-25 – Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you...therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- 1 Peter 4:1-3 – "...he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles..."
- 2 Timothy 3:1-4 – But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...'
- Luke 8:14 – Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.
  - Recreation sinful when it involves sinful conduct.
  - Recreation sinful when it affects church structure & organization.

## THE CHRISTIAN AND RECREATION

Moderation – a time for everything. Use it wisely!

- \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Corinthians 9:25
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Galatians 5:23; 2 Peter 1:6
- \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 2:2,5