

## **SCCC – BLESSED REQUEST**

### **S - Scriptures**

“My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness.” Prov. 8: 7

### **C – Consideration**

Solomon was appointed as King over Israel, and looking to the huge task ahead of him, he saw his deficiency, and his need for understanding to fulfill the assignment. He prayed to the Lord, asking for wisdom. God was so pleased with his request that He added wealth and health. Writing about it, Solomon personified wisdom, “I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion,” he exalted its value “for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her,” and encourage people to seek it, “Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold.” The king showed some characteristics that can be found in the lives of those who have them. According to him, they fear and know God, they hate wickedness, they speak the truth, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” “...I hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.” “ All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.”

### **C – Commitment**

Summarizing, Solomon pointed out three classes of people: first, those who have wisdom, secondly, those who are looking for wisdom, and thirdly those who avoid wisdom. The first ones are praised by their discernment and humility, “To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge...; rebuke the wise and they will love you. Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. The second group is encouraged to pursue wisdom, “You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it. Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold,” The third class chose foolishness as their lifestyle “Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you”. James gave more insights defining and recognizing the divine in contrast to earthly wisdom, “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” The apostle added more information to identify this blessing gift, “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

## **C – Call**

My God, help me be part of the first and second groups to honor you. Deliver me from becoming arrogant, but give me a broken and contrite heart to accept correction and discipline from you, my loving Father through my spiritual siblings. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen!