

SCCC – CHOOSING MY REWARDS

S - Scriptures

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6: 6

C – Consideration

Jesus taught the disciples not to follow the example of some people who would make their spiritual disciplines as a showing off as a religious parade. They would pray, give and fast as a way to publicize their devotions, consequently leading them to self-righteousness. In the previous chapter, the Lord explained in an apparent contradiction, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

C – Commitment

The point Jesus made was that our aims, prayer, and fasting can glorify self or God. If our hearts have the right motivations, our mouth will praise our Maker, “For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” Without us telling others how much we gave, how many days we fasted, how many hours we prayed, we live these things with God. He will be the one who will decide if people should or shouldn’t know about our deeds. It might be that He would disclose our aims, or any other deeds towards others; however, my goal is not to even think about that, but to focus my heart on pleasing Him “ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.” Jesus pointed out that as the result of our choices, we will get our prizes, from men or from God. Three times he reminded us of the blessings when we make the right decision “Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

C – Call

My God, how many times I lost my heavenly rewards as I foolishly fed my ego with praises of men, as some Pharisees had done. I also made a second mistake, as Your word was known to me, and yet I didn’t obey it. I know that Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins, including hypocrisy, but my rewards come by letting just You know of my deeds. Help me Father, to remember Your word, obey Your word and be a lighthouse for Your glory. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!