

SCCC - LEARNING TRUE WISDOM

S – Scriptures

“Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?” Luke 12: 56

C – Consideration

The context of Jesus’s rebuked starts in chapter eleven and verse twenty-nine; “And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, “This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.” He was talking to a multitude, “In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together...”(12:1) “Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” (12: 13).”Then, he answered them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”(12: 15) During these series of teachings, Jesus spoke many parables to the crowd, bringing to light hidden treasures and presenting to them the most precious achievement a person could win on earth: to know him and his works that ultimately would give eternal life.

C – Commitment

One parable that spoke deeply with me in these teachings was about the rich fool. Jesus brought it up because someone had said: “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Ironically, the person called Jesus a Teacher, which was not totally wrong and yet Jesus replied: “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” In other words, this person wasn’t paying attention in Jesus’s instructions, but his mind was in his family patrimony. The request it didn’t seem wrong as a child has the right to inherit his father’s propriety. In a few chapters after, Jesus shared the parable of the Prodigal son, where a father divided his propriety to his two sons. However, the problem was the lack of discernment to understand that the time for such question was wrong. Jesus, concluded the parable with this paragraph: “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?” In the same way, I can become a fool if I do not discern and know what are the most important treasures God had given me. I have to keep looking always to the cross of Christ, not into my bank account, not in my possessions, for when the time comes for my departure, the only treasure that I must have is the blood of my Savior, who died to buy my pardon.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, thank you for the possessions you gave me, for my beautiful family you gifted me with, but above all, thank you for the most precious gift you gave me: Jesus Christ, your only begotten Son. My God, deliver me, I pray, that I would not become a fool for loving money rather than you. Forgive me for the times when I despised the true treasures because of earthly possessions. Help me to learn true wisdom and avoid foolishness. In Jesus’s name. Amen.