

SCCC – DIVINE COMMANDS

S – Scriptures

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” I Timothy 6: 17

C – Consideration

In the last chapter, Paul told Timothy not to ask, but to command the wealthy members of his church to follow some instructions. He added, “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” He said earlier concerning some false teachers, “people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

C – Commitment

In the Scriptures, there are many wealthy and yet godly people. God wanted to prosper His people, avoiding poverty among them, as Moses wrote, “There should be no poor among you, for the LORD your God will greatly bless you in the land he is giving you as a special possession.” But, money can become a god, taking possession of our hearts, and like Paul said, “many fell into this trap and wandered from the faith”. To summarize his teaching in two words: be generous. For in fact “my” wealth belongs to God. Unfortunately, frequently I have seen more generosity among the poor than the rich. Therefore, if you are rich, you have the above commands, and adding to it, as a servant of Jesus, you should “pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.” And always remember a character mentioned by Jesus who had received God’s mercy and on her way out of Sodom, was destroyed. I am wondered if she was the victim of her false god: money: **"Remember Lot's wife"**

C – Call

Lord, deliver me from greed. Help me to follow Abraham, Job, David, Joseph of Arimathea, and others that despite being rich, were generous. Help me to see that true richness is in eternity for I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.