

SCCC – LET THE HOLY SPIRIT REJOICE

S - Scriptures

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

C – Consideration

The Scriptures pointed out in these verses the instructions for the Christian community concerning some sinful behavior that could delay our spiritual growth. It is the battle of the old nature that could go from theft to anger “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body... Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” “In your anger do not sin” Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” We see the consequences that unresolved disagreements can cause to ourselves and to those around us. Unforgiveness causes anger, anger give space in our minds to hear the devil’s lies, and eventually, we are spreading our anger to others as the writer of Hebrews said, "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled."

C – Commitment

The first victim of unforgiveness is the injured party. I had kept this trash in my heart and I experienced the terrible consequences of it. Therefore, the only way to go is to obey God’s instruction. It is not easy, but with sincerity in our prayers, we can tell the Lord about the problem and ask Him to help us. Paul gave a very simple and yet profound way to deal with anger, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” I am forgiven by God and Jesus paid a very high price for it. In conclusion, this passage teaches that: My goal is to see the Holy Spirit rejoicing with actions and the devil upset that I would not fall into his trap.

C – Call

My God, help me and my brethren to understand the consequences that we face due to pride and rebellion. Deliver us Lord from this temptation and this evil trap from the enemy. Give us a broken and contrite heart to love, forgive, serve, and repent from such sins. Thank You that even though I grieved the Holy Spirit, He never abandoned me. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.