

## **SCCC – THE THREE BLESSING QUESTIONS**

### **S - Scriptures**

“For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?” I Corinthians 4: 7

### **C – Consideration**

Paul had to deal with a division in the church in Corinth. There were four groups in their congregation. Each group was picking one favorite leader to follow– Paul, Apollos, Peter, and Jesus. Therefore, the Apostle wrote the letter to exhort these Christians. He asked questions and at the same time answered them to open their eyes concerning spiritual truths: “Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe— as the Lord has assigned to each his task. “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.” He also argued about talents, spiritual ministries, and gifts asking them the three questions in chapter four and verse seven cited above.

### **C – Commitment**

These three questions have always to be answered by Christians. Before we came to Christ, we were all spiritually dead, separated from God, and unable to glorify Him, but once we were spiritually reborn, we received divine knowledge through the Holy Spirit to worship and glorify God instead of self. However, there are times that my ego proudly is seeking glory. The old self starts functioning, and spiritual pride appears. The Corinthians’ syndrome attacks me and as a result of it, I become unfruitful. What can I do to stop this evil from functioning in my heart? To answer to this question I have to respond to the three others that the Scriptures asked me above. To the first one, God was the one who made me different from others. My color, my eyes, my hair, my height, and my personality were His choice. The second answer I have received is that every natural talent and all spiritual gifts are from God. I am a good cook, I like to write, to teach, I am a pastor, an evangelist, and a spiritually gifted person, but all these virtues are divine favors. Finally, the third answer is that I should recognize that these didn’t come from me, and who was the One who gifted me: God!, and give Him glory. To make his point very clear to the Corinthians and me at the end of chapter one Paul said: “Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.”

### **C- Call**

Lord, thank You for every talent and gift You gave me. Thank You for my own being that You made. Thank You for every meal I eat every day. Thank You for the way You made all of us, with different appearances, personalities, and talents to bless and serve each other while here

on earth. Help me to remember in my heart the answer for the three questions, so I will always give You glory and walk in humility. In Jesus' name, Amen.