

## **SCCC – TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

### **S – Scriptures**

“Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.” Proverbs 27: 9

### **Consideration**

Chapter twenty-seven of Proverbs has some advice about relationships. He speaks of the need to have someone trustworthy to help us in times of trouble, to nurture our character, to guide us with wise and godly counsel. He shared the danger of false friends, “Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.” The foolishness of narcissism, and yet the blessings of a word of encouragement from someone else “Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.” The reality we face about sinful actions that can disrupt relationships, “Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?” And in one of the verses, he pointed out the amazing gift God provided despite differences, fears, hurts, knowledge, and spiritual gifts, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” A sincere relationship has an amazing impact to model my character, “Better is open rebuke than hidden love.”

### **C – Commitment**

When I think about these truths I think of Joshua and Moses, Elisha and Elijah, Ruth and Naomi, Paul and Barnabas. These partners walked together for quite a while. The mentors and the mentored exchanged experience and saw progress as they advanced in the direction the Lord had appointed for them. Probably Joshua, Elisha, Ruth, and Paul many times expressed their gratitude for their leaders, honoring them, maybe other times they were reprovved by their mentors and other times were given appreciation for their services. There was a time when Joshua was jealous because two men were prophesying in the camp, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them! It was the voice of an inexperienced young man in contrast with the counsel of a mature leader. This is a great lesson for me to be a faithful teacher, to praise, encourage, and exhort with sincerity, and to be humble when my teachers correct me.

### **C – Call**

My God, thank You for the many mentors You have placed in my life, starting with my father and mother. Lord, many times I kept anger when rebuked by them, as I already had confessed to You. Lord, help me to be a faithful servant, a sincere teacher, and a humble student. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!