

SCCC – THEY WILL SEE MY PROGRESS

S - Scriptures

“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.” 1 Timothy 4: 7

C – Consideration

Paul wrote a letter to Timothy pointing out some guidance for holiness as a church leader and Christian. He used the word “train yourself,” and in the following verse, he said, “For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” The idea was: if there are certain disciplines to keep your body healthy such as a balanced diet and daily exercise, the same would apply to our spiritual life. He concluded the chapter by saying, “Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

C – Commitment

Some of the instructions included training himself against criticism, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young,” to train his language, and his character “be an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” To train routinely his personal devotional and active involvement in the life of his congregation, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.” Obviously, the same counsel should be part of my spiritual life. I should train daily the spiritual disciplines with diligence, perseverance, and much care. As my body shows strength when I take good care of it so will happen to my spiritual life, and according to the Scriptures, “everyone will see my progress”

C – Call

My God, help me to be an example in character, manifested by the fruit of the Spirit in my life, so I can serve my congregation in love, and humility. I pray that people see not by my words, but by my actions Christ Jesus in me. In His name, I pray. Amen.