

# **BOASTING IN THE LORD**

## **S- Scriptures**

“This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.” Jeremiah 9: 23-24

## **C – Consideration**

Jeremiah’s words inspired by the Holy Spirit were so powerful concerning bragging. In the context of the passage, he actually does not condemn it, but teach me to channel it in the right direction. He explains that wisdom, strength and, riches can get hold of my heart and I could become proud of these three blessings given by God to me, therefore, making them gods and end up, despising the God who give me the blessings. Then, he points out: let my boast be in a deep relationship with the Lord, knowing who he is, what he does, and what pleases him. There is also another important message: once my pride is focused on the person of the Lord, I will exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness, with the blessings he gave me such as wisdom, strength, and riches, for these virtues pleases the Lord.

## **C - Commitment**

I have to consider very carefully these instructions for the enemy will always try to get my heart arrogant, therefore, becoming proud of knowledge, physical strength, and possessions. I have to fix my eyes always on my Lord, not conforming to the pattern of this world, but transforming by the renewing of my mind. My old nature wants glory and recognition, however, I am a new creation and I must crucify my flesh and walk in the Spirit.

## **C – Call**

My Heavenly Father, forgive me when I became arrogant in my heart, allowing the enemy, and my own carnal desires boasted in the wrong direction. Help me, my God to looking for what really pleases you, and, always be thankful for the gifts and talents you had given me which one day I will have to give an account of what I did with it. In Christ Jesus, I pray. Amen!