

0190 048 The Philippians express their happiness and gratitude toward God by giving to the one who led them to spiritual maturity.

08/03/97 Phi 1:5; 4:10,14-18; Rom 15:26-27; 2:Co 11:7-9

Summary

The discussion delves into a detailed analysis of Philippians 1:1-5, emphasizing the corrected translation and the significance of the Greek term "Koinonia," which means contribution. McLaughlin highlights Paul's gratitude for the Philippians' contributions, noting their financial support was crucial for his ministry. The conversation underscores the principle of mutual blessing by association, where the pastor contributes doctrine, and the congregation responds with material support. The Philippian church's consistent support is contrasted with other churches' lack of financial contributions. McLaughlin stresses the importance of giving as a reflection of spiritual maturity and gratitude.

- **Corrected Translation and Doctrine of Memory [0:03](#)**
 - McLaughlin begins with Philippians 1:1, emphasizing the corrected translation from the original language.
 - The verse references Paul and Timothy as bond slaves of Christ, addressing the saints in Philippi, including overseers, pastors, teachers, and deacons.
 - McLaughlin highlights verse 3, focusing on the doctrine of memory and thanksgiving for every memory of the saints.
 - The discussion moves to verse 5, explaining the prepositional phrase "epi" and its significance in the Greek language.
- **Explaining the Greek Phrase and Contribution [3:01](#)**
 - McLaughlin explains the Greek phrase "epi tain Koinonia" and its translation to "because of your contribution."
 - The term "Koinonia" is derived from the English word "coin," meaning contribution.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that Paul is thankful for the Philippians' contributions and their spiritual growth.
 - The discussion includes references to Philippians 4:10, highlighting the tremendous support the apostle Paul received from the Corinthian believers.
- **Parenthesis and Spiritual Growth [13:43](#)**
 - McLaughlin explains the parenthetical nature of verse 4, focusing on the pleasure in prayer and God's happiness.
 - The discussion shifts to the importance of spiritual growth and the blessings received by the Philippians.
 - McLaughlin notes that the Philippians' contributions were a reflection of their spiritual maturity and gratitude to God.
 - The conversation includes references to Philippians 4:10, emphasizing the mutual blessing by association between the pastor and the congregation.

- **Mutual Blessing by Association** [19:57](#)
 - McLaughlin explains the principle of mutual blessing by association, where the pastor contributes doctrine, and the congregation contributes financially.
 - The discussion includes references to Acts 18:1-3, where the Philippians sent a large financial gift to support Paul's ministry.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that the contributions were for sustaining Paul's ministry, not for personal gain.
 - The conversation highlights the importance of supporting the pastor's ministry through material blessings.
- **Royal Family Honor Code** [22:19](#)
 - McLaughlin introduces the royal family honor code, emphasizing the principle of reciprocity and mutual support.
 - The discussion includes references to Romans 15:26-27, where the Gentile believers are indebted to minister to the Jewish believers.
 - McLaughlin explains that the honor code principle emerges as God has prospered them financially, they sought to share their prosperity with those who had been the source of their prosperity.
 - The conversation highlights the importance of recognizing the source of spiritual and material blessings.
- **Giving and Motivation from Doctrine** [40:48](#)
 - McLaughlin explains that giving reflects the mental attitude of the congregation toward their pastor.
 - The discussion includes references to Philippians 4:10, where Paul expresses gratitude for the Philippians' financial support.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that giving establishes a partnership between the pastor and the congregation.
 - The conversation highlights the importance of supporting the pastor's ministry through material blessings.
- **Application of Bible Doctrine** [44:47](#)
 - McLaughlin explains that giving is the application of Bible doctrine on the part of the congregation.
 - The discussion includes references to Philippians 4:15-16, where Paul acknowledges the Philippians as the only church that contributed to his ministry.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that the congregation's giving reflects their recognition of the pastor's ministry.
 - The conversation highlights the importance of supporting the pastor's ministry through material blessings.
- **Grace Production in Christian Service** [47:41](#)
 - McLaughlin explains that giving is a grace production in Christian service.
 - The discussion includes references to Philippians 4:17, where Paul acknowledges the abundance of gifts received from the Philippians.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that giving to the right pastor is the maximum blessing to the pastor and pleasing to God.
 - The conversation highlights the importance of supporting the pastor's ministry through material blessings.
- **Supporting the Pastor's Ministry** [49:21](#)

- McLaughlin emphasizes that the responsibility for the support of the pastor is the responsibility of those who are benefiting from his ministry.
- The discussion includes references to Philippians 4:18, where Paul acknowledges the abundance of gifts received from the Philippians.
- McLaughlin explains that the monetary offerings were the source of Paul's income as a mature believer.
- The conversation highlights the importance of supporting the pastor's ministry through material blessings.
- **Addressing Critics and Final Thoughts [50:24](#)**
 - McLaughlin addresses the critics who accused Paul of being in the ministry for the money.
 - The discussion includes references to 2 Corinthians 11, where Paul defends his ministry and financial support.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that Paul preached the gospel without charge and received financial support from other churches.
 - The conversation highlights the importance of supporting the pastor's ministry through material blessings and recognizing the source of spiritual and material prosperity.