

0190 055 The Rapport Which Exists With Those Who Are Positive Toward Doctrine.

08/12/97 Phi 1:7; 4:1; 1Co 11:19; 2Ti 1:15; 4:10,16

Summary

The discussion focused on Philippians 1:7, emphasizing Paul's high regard for the Philippians due to their consistent support and positive volition to doctrine. Paul's affection for them is rooted in their partnership and shared sufferings. The conversation detailed the Greek terms used, such as "kathos" and "dike," and highlighted the Philippians' unique role as Paul's partners. McLaughlin also defined a "good congregation" as one that identifies its pastor, submits to his authority, maintains positive volition to doctrine, and exhibits stability and objectivity. The Philippians' unwavering support during Paul's imprisonment underscored their special place in his heart.

- **Introduction of Congregation Members and Silent Prayer** [0:28](#)
 - McLaughlin introduces Sue Quinones and her daughter Ashley, mentioning their involvement in the congregation.
 - McLaughlin explains the custom of introducing members from the Florida group.
 - A moment of silent prayer is observed for self-examination and preparation for the study of Philippians chapter one.
 - McLaughlin leads the congregation in prayer, asking for enlightenment and personal application of the Word of God.
- **Context of Philippians Chapter One** [2:55](#)
 - McLaughlin revisits Philippians 1:3, emphasizing the contributions of the Philippians in spreading the gospel.
 - The phrase "For I am confident of this very thing" is highlighted, indicating Paul's confidence in the Philippians' good work.
 - McLaughlin explains the importance of understanding the context of verse seven in Philippians chapter one.
 - The Greek terms "kathos," "esteem," and "dike" are introduced, explaining their meanings and significance in the verse.
- **Explanation of Greek Terms and Their Meanings** [4:35](#)
 - McLaughlin delves into the Greek language, explaining the conjunction "kathos" and the verb "esteem."
 - The adjective "dike" is discussed, clarifying its meaning and its translation as "right."
 - McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of understanding the original language to grasp the true meaning of the text.
 - The phrase "For it is only right for me" is explained, highlighting Paul's perspective and the dative of advantage.
- **Paul's High Opinion of the Philippians** [6:21](#)
 - McLaughlin explains the phrase "For me" in the Greek, emphasizing its meaning as a dative of advantage.
 - The Philippians are described as Paul's partners and partakers of his sufferings.

- McLaughlin discusses the concept of rapport, explaining its importance in relationships and friendships.
 - The mind of Christ is introduced as a crucial element in forming like-minded relationships.
- **The Importance of Like-Mindedness and Doctrine [10:34](#)**
 - McLaughlin stresses the importance of having the mind of Christ in friendships and relationships.
 - The concept of mutual trust and like-mindedness is explained, highlighting its significance in spiritual growth.
 - McLaughlin discusses the customary present tense, explaining its meaning in the context of positive volition to doctrine.
 - The importance of thinking objectively and holding high opinions of those who share positive volition to doctrine is emphasized.
- **Paul's High Commendation of the Philippians [23:39](#)**
 - McLaughlin explains the Greek phrase "dia to a key," describing it as a high commendation or applaud.
 - The phrase is translated as "because thee to have me in the heart of you," indicating a special place in Paul's heart.
 - McLaughlin explains the significance of this phrase, highlighting the unique relationship between Paul and the Philippians.
 - The concept of no man's land is introduced, explaining how spiritual growth and progress lead to isolation from certain people.
- **Characteristics of a Good Congregation [29:36](#)**
 - McLaughlin defines a good congregation, emphasizing the importance of identifying the right pastor and remaining under his authority.
 - The congregation's submission to the pastor's authority in teaching and church policy is highlighted.
 - Consistent positive volition to Bible doctrine and stability are identified as key characteristics of a good congregation.
 - The importance of objectivity, poise, and thoughtfulness in a congregation is discussed.
- **Paul's Confidence in the Philippians [46:10](#)**
 - McLaughlin explains why Paul considers the Philippians to be his best congregation.
 - The Philippians' consistent positive volition to doctrine and their support during Paul's imprisonment are emphasized.
 - McLaughlin discusses the concept of spiritual growth and progress, explaining how it leads to spiritual maturity and independence.
 - The importance of maintaining the right scale of values and changing friendships as one grows spiritually is highlighted.
- **The Role of the Pastor and Congregation [52:11](#)**
 - McLaughlin explains the role of the pastor and the congregation in spiritual growth and progress.
 - The concept of undeserved suffering and its impact on the congregation is discussed.

- McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of the congregation following the pastor in his spiritual advance.
 - The significance of being relaxed about blessings and occupied with Christ is highlighted.
- **Conclusion and Final Thoughts [53:18](#)**
 - McLaughlin concludes by reiterating the importance of the Philippians' support and their special place in Paul's heart.
 - The concept of no man's land and the elimination of pseudos as one grows spiritually is revisited.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of like-mindedness and mutual trust in spiritual relationships.
 - The session ends with a reminder of the importance of understanding and applying the Word of God in personal lives.