

0190 058 Having The Mind Of Christ And His Compassion Transforms All Human Relationships & Places Love On A Supernatural Plane.

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Summary

The discussion focused on Philippians 1:9-11, highlighting Paul's unique prayer for the Philippian congregation. McLaughlin emphasized the importance of praying with knowledge and discernment, aiming for love that is sincere and blameless. He explained that prayer should align with God's will, not personal desires, and stressed the need for impersonal, unconditional love. McLaughlin also addressed the mechanics of prayer, including the importance of confession, thanksgiving, intercession, and petition, and the necessity of following the correct procedure, addressing God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

- **Philippians Chapter One and the Philippian Congregation [0:12](#)**
 - McLaughlin introduces the study of Philippians chapter one, specifically verses nine through eleven, which provide a unique prayer for a congregation of mature believers.
 - The Philippian congregation is highlighted as Paul's favorite, with unique characteristics such as being his only partners and the only church that supported him.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of loving according to knowledge and discernment, not impulsively.
 - The prayer in Philippians 1:9-11 is described as a call for the congregation's love to abound in real knowledge and discernment, leading to a sincere and blameless life.
- **The Nature of Prayer and Its Importance [7:29](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses the challenge of prayer, noting that many believers struggle with it due to being in the flesh.
 - Romans 8:26 is cited to explain that the Holy Spirit intercedes for believers with groanings too deep for words.
 - Hebrews 7:25 is mentioned, stating that Jesus Christ also prays for believers.
 - McLaughlin reassures the audience that a good prayer life is about concentration, not the length of the prayer.
- **Misconceptions About Prayer [10:40](#)**
 - McLaughlin addresses the misconception that prayer is about getting God to do what we want.
 - He explains that prayer should be compatible with God's will, not our own.
 - The positive faith movement's approach to prayer is criticized for focusing on getting what we want rather than aligning with God's will.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes that prayer should express our helplessness, humility, and dependence on God.
- **The Royal Priesthood and Prayer [15:54](#)**

- McLaughlin explains that prayer is a function of the royal priesthood, allowing believers to approach God with petitions and intercessory prayers.
 - Petitions are prayers for oneself, while intercessory prayers are for others.
 - The importance of praying for others, such as teenagers, is highlighted.
 - McLaughlin stresses that prayer is a weapon meant to be used offensively, not defensively.
- **The Procedure and Mechanics of Prayer [28:01](#)**
 - McLaughlin outlines the correct procedure for prayer, emphasizing that it should be directed to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - He references Luke 11:1 and Matthew 6:6 to show that Jesus taught believers to pray to the Father.
 - The importance of avoiding meaningless repetition in prayer is stressed.
 - McLaughlin explains that all prayer should be in the Spirit, as stated in Ephesians 6:18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- **The Effectiveness of Prayer [37:00](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses the relationship between prayer and the portfolio of invisible assets, which includes blessings and answered prayers.
 - He explains that effective prayer is related to spiritual growth and adherence to God's commands.
 - The importance of impersonal, unconditional love in prayer is emphasized, as bitterness and unforgiveness can hinder prayer effectiveness.
 - McLaughlin notes that God hears prayers before they are spoken, as stated in Isaiah 65:24.
- **The Commandment to Pray [46:18](#)**
 - McLaughlin states that prayer is a commandment from God, mandated in all dispensations.
 - He references Jeremiah 33:3, where God commands believers to call upon Him and He will show them great and mighty things.
 - The disciples' lack of prayer is highlighted, with Jesus encouraging them to ask for the Holy Spirit.
 - McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of making prayer a habit, as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- **The Faith-Rest Drill in Prayer [52:21](#)**
 - McLaughlin explains that effective prayer requires faith, as stated in Matthew 21:22 and Mark 11:24.
 - He emphasizes that believers should ask for things in prayer with the belief that they will receive them.
 - The importance of understanding and applying the doctrine of prayer is stressed.
 - McLaughlin notes that true confidence in prayer comes from spiritual self-esteem, as stated in 1 John 3:21-23.
- **The Mechanics of Public and Private Prayer [53:49](#)**
 - McLaughlin outlines the mechanics of public prayer, stating that it should be short and avoid repetition.
 - He emphasizes the importance of impersonal love in public prayer, avoiding condemnation of others.

- The agenda for private prayer is discussed, starting with confession of sin and followed by thanksgiving.
 - Intercession for others and petition for personal needs are the final parts of private prayer.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit in Prayer** [1:00:57](#)
 - McLaughlin explains that God the Son and God the Holy Spirit intercede for believers, making it unnecessary for them to fail in prayer.
 - He emphasizes that believers should pray to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - The importance of following the precise, correct procedure for prayer is reiterated.
 - McLaughlin concludes by stating that prayer is a powerful weapon against Satan and his kingdom, and it should be used effectively.