

0190 050 Paul did not seek glory or honor or commendation from men, but only from God.
08/06/97 Mat 12:14-21; 2Co 6:4-10; 2Co 10:12,18; Gal 1:10; Luk 16:15

Summary

McLaughlin emphasized the importance of adhering to specific procedures for the cleaning crew and the significance of the Lord's Supper, warning against habitual neglect. He discussed the Apostle Paul's consistent financial support from the Philippians, highlighting their role in enabling Paul to write half of the New Testament. McLaughlin stressed that pastors and believers should prioritize God's approval over human commendation, citing examples from the New Testament, including Jesus' refusal to seek human approval and Paul's humility. He concluded by urging pastors to focus on teaching and studying the Word, rather than seeking human validation.

- **Cleaning Crew Instructions and Importance of the Lord's Supper [0:03](#)**
 - McLaughlin instructs cleaning crew and ushers to only shut off the master switches when leaving to avoid accidental shutdowns, referencing a past incident on Sunday morning.
 - Emphasizes the importance of the Lord's Supper, noting that habitual neglect can lead to physical, mental, and even fatal consequences.
 - Refers to a New Testament principle related to the Lord's Supper, hinting at future discussions on the topic.
 - Calls for a moment of silent prayer, urging attendees to focus on the Word of God and not on personal problems.
- **Prayer and Study Focus [1:22](#)**
 - McLaughlin leads a prayer, asking for God's guidance and fellowship through the Word.
 - Encourages attendees to give undivided attention to the Word of God during the study.
 - Prays for the Holy Spirit to challenge individuals and prevent self-introspection, focusing instead on self-examination in relation to God.
 - Notes the Apostle Paul's consistent financial support from the church at Philippi, despite teaching Bible doctrine in various locations.
- **Paul's Teaching and Financial Support [2:38](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses the Apostle Paul's consistent financial support from the church at Philippi, despite teaching in various locations.
 - Emphasizes that Paul's job was to teach doctrine, regardless of financial support, and that the Lord provides for those who communicate Bible doctrine.
 - Highlights Paul's mindset of not seeking glory or honor from men but only from God, referencing 2 Corinthians 11:9-7.
 - Notes that the Philippian church's financial support allowed Paul to write half of the New Testament.

- **Challenges and Rejections in Ministry [4:44](#)**
 - McLaughlin addresses the discouragement that can come from giving to people who reject or do not support the ministry.
 - Emphasizes that the mind of Christ is not to make an issue of self but of Bible doctrine.
 - Notes that the more one does for people, the more they may attack and reject, citing 2 Corinthians 12:15.
 - Stresses that the mind of Christ is to operate under God's agenda, not one's own, and that God handles the logistics.
- **Jesus' Example and Ministry Challenges [36:16](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses Jesus' example of not seeking glory or commendation from men, referencing Matthew 12:14-16.
 - Notes that Jesus was aware of the Pharisees' plot to destroy Him but withdrew from them.
 - Emphasizes that Jesus healed all who followed Him but warned them not to make Him known, to avoid seeking human approval.
 - Highlights that Jesus' ministry was not about winning approval by argument or protesting rejection, but about doing the will of the Father.
- **Paul's Teaching and the Mind of Christ [36:36](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses Paul's teaching in Philippians, emphasizing that Paul's job was to study and teach, regardless of financial support.
 - Notes that Paul's mindset was to seek the Lord's commendation, not that of men, referencing 2 Corinthians 10:12.
 - Emphasizes that Paul did not seek his own agenda but the divine agenda, and that God provides for those who communicate Bible doctrine.
 - Highlights that Paul's ministry was not about seeking human approval but about doing the will of God.
- **Jesus' Humility and the Cross [37:26](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses Jesus' humility in Philippians 2:8, where He became obedient to the point of death on the cross.
 - Notes that Jesus' ministry brought justice to victory by His humility and obedience.
 - Emphasizes that Jesus did not seek His own will but the will of the Father, and that this is the example for believers to follow.
 - Highlights that Jesus' ministry was not about seeking human approval but about doing the will of God.
- **Paul's Example and Discipline [41:24](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses Paul's one-time compromise with legalism in Acts 21:20-26, which led to his being put under discipline for two years.
 - Emphasizes that Paul's job was to study and teach the Word of God, not to seek human approval.
 - Notes that Paul's ministry was not about seeking human approval but about doing the will of God.
 - Highlights that Paul's discipline was a lesson in not seeking human approval but the approval of God.
- **Jesus' Example of Not Seeking Human Approval [42:51](#)**

- McLaughlin discusses Jesus' example in John 5:19-30, where He did nothing on His own initiative but only what He saw the Father doing.
- Emphasizes that Jesus did not seek His own glory but the glory of the Father, and that this is the example for believers to follow.
- Notes that Jesus' ministry was not about seeking human approval but about doing the will of God.
- Highlights that Jesus' example is to be followed by believers, who should seek the approval of God, not men.
- **Pastoral Responsibilities and Approval [50:45](#)**
 - McLaughlin discusses the pastor's responsibility to study and teach the Word of God, not to seek human approval.
 - Emphasizes that the pastor's job is to handle the Word of Truth accurately, not to seek members for the church.
 - Notes that the pastor's ministry should be about doing the will of God, not seeking human approval.
 - Highlights that the pastor's approval should come from God, not from men, and that this is the example for believers to follow.
- **Final Thoughts and Conclusion [57:45](#)**
 - McLaughlin concludes by emphasizing that the approval of God is what matters, not the approval of men.
 - Notes that the pastor's job is to study and teach the Word of God, not to seek human approval.
 - Highlights that the believer's aim should be to live in the will of God, not to seek human approval.
 - Emphasizes that the approval of God is the ultimate goal, and that this should be the focus of the pastor and believer alike.