

# **"A Prayer for Discernment"**

## **Ephesians 1:15-19**

"Paul's prayer reveals the need of the believer to have discernment of what God has already given them. Though the Ephesians were faithful and loving, Paul knew they still needed spiritual understanding and insight. He prays that their hearts would be opened to grasp their hope, their value, and the power available to them in Christ. We are called to move beyond surface-level faith into a deeper, Spirit-enabled understanding of our identity and what has been offered to us in Jesus."

### **1. A Recognized Faith (vv. 15-16)**

- a. Visible Faith
- b. Loving Faith
- c. Testimony of Faith

### **2. A Requested Wisdom (v. 17)**

- a. Discernment from the Spirit
- b. Wisdom from the Spirit
- c. Revelation from the Spirit

### **3. A Revealed Understanding (vv. 18-19)**

- a. Knowing Hope
- b. Knowing Blessing
- c. Knowing Greatness