

PHILEMON

Philemon 1:7

For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Author – Paul (vs. 1, 9, 19)

Date – AD 61-63 (Paul’s first imprisonment)

Recipient – Philemon – A wealthy man in the City of Colosse. He housed a church (vs. 2) and apparently owned many slaves.

Facts – Paul met Onesimus in Rome and led him to Christ. Now he understood the need for him to restore to his master. Paul writes the letter as he sends him back.

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Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Philemon 1:7

Time spent in prayer _____

Read - Philemon 1:1-4

Examine -

1. Who wrote this book?
2. What does he call himself?
3. Why do you think he said a prisoner of Christ instead of the Roman Empire?
4. Who was with Paul that was also writing the letter?
5. To whom is the first person Paul says the book is written?
6. What two things did Paul say about Philemon?

7. According to verse 2, to whom else is the book written?
8. What does Paul say about Archippus?
9. Where was the church held? (You may need some help on this)
10. What two greetings did Paul give to them?
11. For what was Paul thankful?
12. Who did he thank?
13. When did he thank?

Apply -

Have you ever been on a job with someone and they don't really help. They just fool around and waste time. Does this help or hinder you in the job?

Are you a "fellowlabourer" or "fellowsoldier" to your friends in their Christian life, or do you drag them down as you fool around and waste time?

Ask the Lord to help you be committed to serving Him with zeal and enthusiasm. Then, you can help your friends spiritually instead of dragging them down.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Read - Philemon 1:5-7

Examine -

1. For what two qualities about them was Paul thankful?
2. For whom did they have these qualities?
3. The word “acknowledge” is "epignose" - full knowledge. What was he communicating?
4. What would he fully know?
5. Who provided these good things?
6. What two things did Paul express about Philemon's love?

7. Define Bowels –
8. What does he do for brothers in Christ?

Apply -

When is the last time you refreshed someone in the Lord?

How?

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Read - Philemon 1:8-11

Examine -

1. Define Enjoin -
2. In whom could Paul be bold?
3. For _____ sake he is beseeching?
4. Define Beseech -

5. How does Paul describe himself? (Two things)

6. What character is introduced now?
7. What does begotten mean in this context?
8. Where did he do this?
9. What was he in the past?
10. What is he now?

Apply-

All of us could say that in time past we were unprofitable, but what about now?

What profit are you to each group/person below?

- Friends-

- Pastor-

- Parents-

- Co-workers or classmates –

- God-

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Read - Philemon 1:12-16

Examine -

1. Look at verse 16. What was Onesimus to Philemon?
2. What apparently happened?
3. What did Paul do with him?
4. What did Paul ask Philemon to do?
5. What did Paul want to do with him?
6. Why did Paul want this?
7. What would Paul never do?
8. What, in your opinion, did Paul mean by verse 15?

9. He (Onesimus) went out a slave and came in a _____.
10. What two ways can Philemon benefit from him now?

Apply -

Apparently Onesimus delivered the letter himself. Can you think of a person who was a slave but is now much above that?

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Read - Philemon 1:17-20

Examine –

1. In the next few verses Paul appeals to Philemon on what basis?
2. How did Paul want him to receive Onesimus?
3. What if Onesimus has debts?
4. What did Paul promise to do?
5. What did Paul bring out about Philemon's debt to him?
6. What did Paul want from him? (Two things)
7. Both of these things were in whom?

Apply -

More than likely, Paul led Philemon to the LORD! Paul seems to touch people's lives everywhere he goes. When is the last time you "touched" someone's life?

Write the testimony here!

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Read - Philemon 1:21-25

Examine -

1. In what did Paul have confidence?
2. Because of this Paul did what?
3. What did he know Philemon would do?
4. What did Paul want him to prepare?
5. What was Paul hoping?
6. Who is Epaphras?

7. Who were Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, and Lucas?

8. What else do we know about Demas? (II Tim. 4:10)

9. What did Paul want to be with Philemon?

Apply -

Are you a Demas or are you a Philemon, who is an obedient person?

Do you obey your parents?

Do you obey God?

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Read - Review

Examine and Apply,

Go back and list all the character qualities of God mentioned.

Now look for Philemon's positive qualities.

What are your strengths and weaknesses in comparison to this list?

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