

The Need for "Philemons" in the Local Church Philemon 1-7

Notes:

- What a blessing Philemon was to the cause of Christ!
- Oh, how we need more Philemons in the local church. Are you a Philemon?
- Let's examine what Paul says about this saint and draw some principles for our own lives.

First, Philemon's service for the Lord was a _____ affair.

vs. 1-2

- Philemon had his entire _____ involved in the work of the ministry.
- A man's family should desire to serve the Lord with him for two reasons:
 - First, he _____ them in his service for the Lord.
 - Second, he helps his family to grow so that they _____ to serve the Lord with him.

Second, Philemon practiced gracious _____. vs. 2, 5

- The local assembly met in Philemon's _____.
- Did you know that hospitality should not be an option for a believer?
 - *"Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."*

Romans 12:13

- *"Use hospitality one to another without grudging."* **1 Peter 4:9**
- Believers who are Philemons live for _____, not themselves.

Third, Philemon was a source of _____ to others. vs. 7

- *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* **Matthew 11:28**
- The word translated "refreshed" is the same word for "rest."
- Are you a Philemon? Do you provide rest, peace, comfort, and refreshment to others?

In Conclusion:

- The key to Philemon's gracious, Christ-filled life is in verse 6. It is the key for every believer who desires to be a Philemon.
- Philemon had shared his faith in Christ graciously with others. His faith had flowed forth into his _____ living.
- As your _____ begins to rest in the truth of who you are in Christ, you begin to allow Him to _____ through you and put Christ on display in your dealings with others.