

LOVE LEADS

The Book of Philemon

The love of God leads to:

Spiritual Refreshment

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- Paul wrote personally and persuasively to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus, a slave.
- Paul was encouraged by watching Philemon's faith and his love for Colossian believers.
- Paul prayed Philemon would experience every blessing from life with Christ.

Cultivate an _____ love for Christ and for your faith community.

Transformed Relationships

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- Paul made a deferential request to Philemon, rather than an authoritative command.
- Paul considered Onesimus as a son.
- Paul and Onesimus' relationship was an example of the mutual usefulness of believers to one another.
- Onesimus was a valued brother in Christ, not just a servant.

Value and treat others according to their great _____ to Christ.

Sacrificial Restoration

18-25

- Paul, who likely had little wealth, offered to personally repay Onesimus' debt to Philemon.
- Paul reminded Philemon of the debt of his sin and his debt to Paul for disciplining him.
- Paul challenged Philemon to put his faith into practice by restoring his relationship with Onesimus, going beyond cultural customs and expectations.

Practice Christ-centered forgiveness, _____, and healing in difficult relationships.

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Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Romans 1:11-12

For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. (NLT)

Galatians 3:26-28

...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

James 2:1,5,9

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Romans 5:8

...but God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

John 13:34-36

A new command I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.