

A Picture of Gospel Partnership Notes

Philemon 1-7

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Main Point: When we're gripped by the grace of the gospel, our hearts overflow with love for God's people.

Paul, a Prisoner for Christ Jesus

1. This is a good reminder that no matter what circumstances we are in, we can still _____ Christ, whether we're in prison, or homebound because of health issues.
2. We are urged to _____ those in prison, as though in prison with them.

Appeal to Your Relationship

1. Treat believers as fellow _____ members.
 - Believers have a shared origin through the new birth and are thus from the same spiritual womb.
 - It would be good for us to call each other brother or sister to emphasize we are part of God's forever _____.
2. Treat believers as beloved fellow _____.
 - The word "beloved," which is also translated as "dear," was used only of Christians.
 - Paul does not elevate himself as an esteemed apostle but sees himself as a _____ laborer for the Lord (Romans 16:3, 1 Corinthians 3:9).
3. Treat believers as fellow _____.
 - The fact that Archippus is called a fellow soldier reminds us that the Christian life is not a playground but a _____ ground because we are in a spiritual war.
 - We must put on the full _____ of God every day.
 - We need fellow soldiers to stand beside us, shoulder to shoulder, as we contend for the _____.
4. Treat believers as fellow _____.
 - Believers gathered for worship in _____ (Colossians 4:15).
5. Treat believers as fellow _____ of grace and peace (vs. 3).
 - Grace is God's _____ favor and peace comes through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross.
 - Grace is the first thing that comes from God, and _____ is a gift that flows from that grace.

Affirm What is Right

1. Celebrate with _____.
 - Notice that Paul gives thanks "always," which means, "perpetually, at all _____."
 - Gratitude wasn't occasional for Paul; it was _____.

2. Celebrate the evidence of _____ and faith (vs. 5).
 - Philemon loved others precisely because his faith was in Jesus Christ.
3. Celebrate _____ efforts.
 - The word “sharing” is the word translated as “fellowship and _____.” It’s the idea of being in close relationship with others who have been redeemed (Acts 2:44-47).
4. Celebrate how people _____ you.
 - Paul expressed how much _____ impacted him (vs. 7).
 - The word “refreshed” means to give “_____ rest.”
 - It was used to describe an army at rest after a long _____.
 - Paul was built up by _____ (2 Timothy 1:16).
 - Paul wanted to visit the church in Rome to be refreshed.
 - The gospel doesn’t just change what we believe; it changes how we _____.
 - Are you a refreshing influence on others?