



Five Lessons From Philemon- 9/9/18 - Kerry Cox

## Lessons We Can Learn From The Short Yet Powerful Book of Philemon:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is for \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

*There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:28-29*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ should not \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ should.

*"Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God." 1 Peter 2:18-20*

*"I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord." Philemon 12-14*

*"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

3. God can bring about \_\_\_\_\_ things in any \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord." Philemon 15-16*

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ helps people more than \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment." Philemon 8-11*

*"So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. Philemon 17*

5. I must \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

*If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. Philemon 18-21*

*But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Luke 6:35*

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4*

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. John 15:12-14*

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