

The Letter to Philemon – Lesson 4
A Plea for a Slave – Philemon 8-16

I. A Bold Request (v. 8-11)

1. Paul was bold (confident) that he could _____ Philemon to do the right thing. (v. 8)
 - a. Rather than command him as an apostle, Paul chose to make his request for _____ sake. (v. 9)
2. There are times when we must speak _____ concerning spiritual matters. (Romans 15:15)
3. We must always speak the _____ with an attitude of love. (Ephesians 4:15)
4. True or False: Even though we are scripturally correct, if we present the truth without love, then we will be ineffective. (1 Corinthians 13:1)
5. There may be times when we must A __ M __ __ __ H (warn) each other for not obeying the scriptures. (2 Thessalonians 3:14–15)

II. Not by Obligation (v. 12-14)

6. Paul asked Philemon if Onesimus could stay for a period and _____ to him while in chains for the gospel. (v. 13)
 - a. Paul did not want Philemon to allow this due to _____. (v. 14)
7. God desires that we maintain _____ by our own free will. (Titus 3:8)
8. When giving, we are to give from the _____ and not out of necessity. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
9. We are to show _____ to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)
10. If I give much to feed the _____, but without love, then it does me no good. (1 Corinthians 13:3)

III. Christianity Breaks Down Barriers (v. 15-16)

11. Because Onesimus was now a Christian, he was much more than a _____. (v. 16)
 - a. He and Philemon were now B __ __ T __ __ __ S in Christ.
12. We should serve our employers in sincerity of _____, fearing God. (Colossians 3:22)
13. Christian supervisors are to give their workers what is _____ and _____. (Colossians 4:1)
14. God shows no _____ between different nations. (Acts 10:34–35)
15. We should never show partiality to the _____ over the _____. (James 2:1-5)
16. All who have been baptized into Christ are now _____ in Christ. (Galatians 3:26–28)