

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to PHILEMON

CAN you mix meekness and forgiveness with your love and faith unto someone who has wronged you? His change can you embrace? You have got to do it, brother! If you do not do it for Paul, who takes great joy in your works, do it for the Lord!

PHILEMON

¹Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dearly beloved and fellow-laborer;

²to our beloved Apphia and Archippus our fellow-soldier,

and to the church that is in your house:

³grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers,

⁵hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,

⁶that the sharing of your faith shall become effective by the acknowledging of every good thing that is in you in Christ Jesus.

⁷For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because you have refreshed the hearts of the saints, brother.

⁸Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to instruct you in that which is proper,

⁹yet for love's sake, I would rather implore you, being who I am, Paul the elder, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰I implore you for Onesimus, my son, whom I have begotten in my bonds,

¹¹and who in time past was unprofitable to you but who is now profitable to you and me.

¹²I send him back to you, that you may receive him, that is my heart's desire,

¹³whom I desired to have retain with me, that he might have ministered to me in your place, in my bonds for the gospel.

¹⁴But I would do nothing without your consent, that your reward should not be of forced upon you, but a result of your willing deed.

¹⁵For perhaps he departed from you for a short while, that you might receive him forever,

¹⁶no longer as a slave, but above that, as a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷If you count me as a partner, receive him as you would receive me.

¹⁸If he has wronged you or owes you anything, put that on my account.

¹⁹I, Paul, have written it with my own hand; I will repay, though I do not mention how you owe me, even your own self besides.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have joy of you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

²¹I have faith in your obedience, therefore I write to you knowing you will also do more than I say.

²²But prepare me a lodging for I trust through your prayers I will come to you.

²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Jesus Christ, salutes you,

²⁴also Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke my fellow laborers.

²⁵The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit! Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *A true prisoner of Christ is bound by Jesus, bound to Jesus, bound for Jesus, and bound by love, to worship, to honor and to serve.*
2. *Your love and faith should not only be a talk but a walk; it should be seen all about and talked about as an inspiration for many hearts.*
3. *Your expression of faith is nowhere unless it is shared, it is nothing unless it is demonstrated. Faith without follow-through is foolish.*
4. *Unless you acknowledge every good thing in you and express it you will never live up to your true potential. Acknowledge, accept, express and accelerate.*
5. *Less than one percent of humans live up to ten percent of their true potential and a smaller fraction of Christians, for you cannot enter into your potential without the Holy Spirit and you cannot exhaust His potential in you.*
6. *The key to the storehouses of heaven is to use your blessing as a refreshing for the hearts of the saints.*
7. *Receive the goodness of others to excite the God in them and to invite favor and compassion even in unfavorable circumstances.*
8. *You may have power to demand it and the authority to command it, but when you use wisdom and love to advance it, the heart will embrace it.*
9. *It is best and more fruitful to help others to see than to command them to be.*
10. *You can pitch to people what you want them to do, or you can show them a picture and let them tell you what they need to do about it.*
11. *Your chains in life are no reason to complain; instead, use your freedom in Christ to free the hearts of others in chains and true bondage.*
12. *Your position is no occasion to take advantage;*

your authority is no reason to encroach on the rights of others, but an opportunity to engage their reasoning.

13. *Never encroach on another person's rights even if you believe you have a right to that person, instead engage their reason.*
14. *When you engage servants as brothers and workers as equals, they will work away with their hearts instead of seeking to run away.*
15. *Every person irrespective of position is a potential for impact and has the potential to be impactful themselves.*
16. *Your expression of love and faith is not impressive unless it creates an impact on those closest to you: family, friends and coworkers. People should be running to the Christ in you instead of running from the lie in you.*
17. *A personal appeal of love accomplishes more*

than a professional display of power.

PRAYER POINTS

- Jesus my Lord, I am captive to You; make me Your prisoner today. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, help me to walk the walk of faith, let my lifestyle represent my language, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father, my God, give me the passion to share my faith at all times and the power to demonstrate it. Amen.
- Today I acknowledge every good thing deposited in me by the Holy Spirit; I accept them as truly mine; I refuse to live without full expression of my spirit being, in the name of Jesus.
- Loving and caring Father, give me the discipline to tap into and to demonstrate this divine nature You have entrusted to me. Amen.