

Useful (Philemon)

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1. Philemon had a reputation as an exemplary believer in Christ (4-7)
 - He had strong faith in the Lord and loved fellow believers.
 - Because of his strong faith, he could display Christ's goodness to other believers.
 - His encouragement of fellow believers brought joy and comfort to Paul.
2. Paul appealed to Philemon to take back his runaway bondservant Onesimus as a brother in Christ (8-22)
 - He had a deep affection for Onesimus because he led him to Christ.
 - Instead of pulling rank, he implored Philemon to take him back as a brother instead of a servant.
 - Salvation changed Onesimus from useless to useful.
 - He knew he could depend on Philemon to do the right thing.