

Thanksgiving and Prayer - Philemon 1:1-7

Topics: Encouragement, Friendship, Prayer, Relationships, Slavery, Thankfulness, Words

Open It

1. Who has prayed for you in the past?
- * 2. What role have someone's words of encouragement played in your life?
3. How much of what is said to you each week at work and home is negative or positive?

Explore It

4. Who wrote this letter? (1:1)
5. To whom was this letter written? (1:1)
6. What do we know about the church from this brief introduction? (1:2)
7. What two godly qualities did Paul desire for his readers? (1:3)
- * 8. What was always a part of Paul's prayers? (1:4)
- * 9. What had Paul heard about the readers of this letter? (1:5)
- * 10. How did Paul pray for his audience? (1:6)
11. What did Paul suggest that Philemon would gain by actively sharing his faith? (1:6)
12. What had Philemon done for Paul? (1:7)
13. What had Philemon done for the other Christians in the region? (1:7)

Get It

14. When are the normal times in a day or week that you pray?
15. What are the subjects or concerns you most often address in your prayers?
16. What are the marks or ingredients of a good prayer?
- * 17. When should we ever tell someone that we are praying for him or her?
18. What is your reaction when someone says he or she is praying for you?
19. How does it help a person to tell him or her that you are praying for them?
- * 20. How can compliments and encouragement influence someone's life?
21. How does it help a person to pray for him or her?
22. What is the difference between what a person should and should not pray for?

Apply It

23. Who are several people for whom you need to pray this week?
- * 24. Who in your life needs a word of compliment or encouragement at this time?
25. Whom could you write or call this week to thank for the joy or encouragement they have given to you during your life?