

The Book of Philemon

Name: _____

1. Paul, a _____ of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our _____,
To Philemon our dear _____ and fellow _____. (v. 1)
2. Therefore, although in Christ I could be _____
and order you to do what you _____, (v. 8)
3. Yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of _____.
It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a _____ of Christ
Jesus— (v. 9)
4. That I appeal to you for my son _____,
who became my son while I was in _____. (v. 10)
5. Formerly he was _____ to you,
but now he has become _____ both to you and to me. (v. 11)
6. I am sending him—who is my very _____—back to you. (v. 12)
7. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place
in helping me while I am in _____ for the _____. (v. 13)
8. But I did not want to do anything without your _____,
so that any favor you do would not seem _____ but would be _____. (v.
14)
9. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while
was that you might have him back _____. (v. 15)
10. No longer as a _____, but better than a slave, as a dear _____.
He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the
_____. (v. 16)
11. So if you consider me a _____, welcome him as you would _____ me.
(v. 17)
12. If he has done you any _____ or owes you anything, charge it to my
_____. (v. 18)
13. I, Paul, am writing this with my own _____.
I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very _____. (v. 19)
14. I do wish, brother, that I may have some _____ from you in the Lord;
refresh my _____ in Christ. (v. 20)
15. Confident of your _____, I write to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I _____. (v. 21)

Philemon, the recipient of this letter, was a believer who was also a slave owner. One of his slaves, Onesimus, had apparently stolen from him and run away. How does Paul encourage Philemon to treat Onesimus when he returns and why do you think Paul appeals in love instead of giving him a command?