
SERMON OUTLINE

How to Get Along with Others

Philemon

- I. Express your love; don't assume others know it (Philemon 1-3, 16).
 - Paul warmly greets Philemon and his family.
- II. Affirm strengths in someone before asking for something or correcting them (Philemon 4-7).
 - Paul expressed confidence in Philemon's character.
- III. Appeal to others based on relationship not authority (Philemon 8-10).
 - Paul urged Philemon to welcome back Onesimus.
- IV. Seek consent and consensus, not independent decisions and demands (Philemon 12).
 - Paul did not demand, but asked permission.
- V. Believe the best in people and outcomes (Philemon 11, 15, 21, 22).
 - Paul described to Philemon how good it could be.
- VI. Recognize God has good purposes for hard things that happen relationally (Philemon 15).
 - Onesimus' offence actually resulted in his salvation.
- VII. Humbly regard believers for who they are in Christ, not their position in life (Philemon 16).
 - View Onesimus your slave as spiritually equal.
- VIII. Support (Go to bat for) those in whom God is working (Philemon 17).
 - Paul staked his reputation on Onesimus' change.
- IX. Live generously (Philemon 18).
 - Paul was willing to pay Onesimus' debts.
- X. Forgive without retribution (Philemon 10,17,22).
 - Philemon was challenged to not demand justice.

Personal instructions, greetings (Philemon. 23-25)