Philemon Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. Who is the author of the book of Philemon?

Ⓐ James
Ⓑ Paul the Apostle
Ⓒ John
Ⓓ Peter

2. Who is the recipient of Paul's letter in the book of Philemon?

Ⓐ Tychicus
Ⓑ Onesimus
Ⓒ Archippus
Ⓓ Philemon

3. From where does Paul write the letter to Philemon?

Ⓐ From Jerusalem
Ⓑ From a church in Corinth
Ⓒ From his home in Tarsus
Ⓓ From prison (while in chains)

4. What does Paul offer to do to resolve any debt Onesimus owes Philemon?

Ⓐ Work it off through labor
Ⓑ Ignore the debt completely
Ⓒ Ask the church to contribute
Ⓓ Pay it himself

5. What does Paul request Philemon to prepare for him?

Ⓐ A guest room
Ⓑ Legal documents
Ⓒ Money for his journey
Ⓓ A place to preach

6. Who was Onesimus in relation to Philemon?

Ⓐ His son
Ⓑ His runaway slave
Ⓒ His business partner
Ⓓ His brother

7. What does Paul say about Philemon's love and faith?

Ⓐ He says it needs to grow stronger
Ⓑ He criticizes it as insufficient
Ⓒ He questions whether it is genuine
Ⓓ He has heard of his love for all the saints and faith toward the Lord Jesus

8. **Who is Onesimus in the context of the book of Philemon?**
   - Ⓐ A fellow missionary
   - Ⓑ A Roman official
   - Ⓒ A runaway slave who became a believer
   - Ⓓ A church elder

9. **Which key theme is prominently emphasized in Philemon?**
   - Ⓐ Christian reconciliation and forgiveness
   - Ⓑ Faith and works
   - Ⓒ End times prophecy
   - Ⓓ Church hierarchy

10. **How does Paul describe his relationship with Onesimus?**
   - Ⓐ As his personal servant
   - Ⓑ As his child whom he begot in his chains
   - Ⓒ As his adopted son legally
   - Ⓓ As his fellow worker in ministry

11. **What is the main purpose of Paul's letter to Philemon?**
   - Ⓐ To request the forgiveness and acceptance of Onesimus
   - Ⓑ To give a detailed account of Paul's travels
   - Ⓒ To correct doctrinal errors
   - Ⓓ To instruct about church leadership

12. **To whom is the book of Philemon addressed?**
   - Ⓐ The Roman authorities
   - Ⓑ Philemon and his household
   - Ⓒ The church in Ephesus
   - Ⓓ The city of Colossae

13. **Who are mentioned as Paul's fellow prisoners or workers in the letter?**
   - Ⓐ Apollos, Priscilla, Aquila, and Lydia
   - Ⓑ Peter, James, John, and Andrew
   - Ⓒ Barnabas, Silas, Titus, and Timothy
   - Ⓓ Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke

14. **What does the letter of Philemon teach about the use of Christian authority?**
   - Ⓐ To manipulate others
   - Ⓑ To appeal with love and humility
   - Ⓒ To impose strict rules
   - Ⓓ To enforce legal punishment

15. What is the cultural background reflected in the letter of Philemon?

Ⓐ Greek philosophical schools

Ⓑ Roman slavery and social hierarchy

Ⓒ Jewish ceremonial law

Ⓓ Egyptian priesthood

Answer key: Philemon Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **B. Paul the Apostle**

The Apostle Paul authored the letter to Philemon, as stated in Philemon 1:1.

2. **D. Philemon**

Paul addresses the letter to Philemon, a Christian and presumably a leader in the church in Colossae (Philemon 1:1).

3. **D. From prison (while in chains)**

Paul refers to himself as 'a prisoner of Christ Jesus' and mentions his chains multiple times.

4. **D. Pay it himself**

Paul tells Philemon to charge any debt to his own account, saying 'I will repay it.'

5. **A. A guest room**

Paul asks Philemon to prepare a guest room because he hopes to be released and visit them.

6. **B. His runaway slave**

Onesimus was Philemon's slave who had run away and later encountered Paul in prison.

7. **D. He has heard of his love for all the saints and faith toward the Lord Jesus**

Paul commends Philemon for his love toward all the saints and his faith in the Lord Jesus (Philemon 1:5).

8. **C. A runaway slave who became a believer**

Onesimus was a slave of Philemon who had run away and then converted to Christianity through Paul’s ministry (Philemon 10-11).

9. **A. Christian reconciliation and forgiveness**

The letter highlights forgiveness and reconciliation between believers, especially between Philemon and Onesimus (Philemon 1:16).

10. **B. As his child whom he begot in his chains**

Paul refers to Onesimus as 'my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds' (Philemon 1:10).

11. **A. To request the forgiveness and acceptance of Onesimus**

Paul appeals to Philemon to receive Onesimus back not just as a slave but as a brother in Christ (Philemon 1:16).

12. **B. Philemon and his household**

The letter is addressed to Philemon, a Christian in Colossae, and his household (Philemon 1:1-2).

13. **D. Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke**

Philemon 1:23-24 mentions these five men as Paul's fellow workers who send greetings.

14. **B. To appeal with love and humility**

Paul uses gentle persuasion and appeals to love rather than force, illustrating a Christ-like approach to authority (Philemon 1:8-9).

15. **B. Roman slavery and social hierarchy**

The letter reflects the context of Roman slavery, where social hierarchies were common, and Christianity challenged these norms.

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