

New Testament Letters Biblical Commands

Commands from Philemon

- 1. Philemon 1:12 Because of the commands to forgive and restore in Scripture the believer is commanded, based on repentance and restitution, to receive a fellow erring believer.**

Phile 1:12 I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, (NKJ)

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- 2. Philemon 1:17 Because of the commands to forgive and restore in Scripture the believer is commanded, based on repentance and restitution, to receive a fellow erring believer.**

Phile 1:17 If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me. (NKJ)

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- 3. Philemon 1:18 In the ministry of reconciliation, believers should allow others in grace to fulfill the restitution requirements of the sinner.**

Phile 1:18 But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. (NKJ)

The example of this is the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ made our restitution payments for us on the Cross. God the Father accepted His substitute payment on our behalf.

- 4. Philemon 1:20 One of the goals of believers loving one another is to provide, when possible, a refreshing of the souls of others.**

Phile 1:20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. (NKJ)

Throughout the letter to the Philippians the Believer is commanded to be joyful. This command takes Christian joy a step farther in that believers should seek to bring refreshing joy to one another.

- 5. Philemon 1:22 Hospitality in providing sometimes needed lodging for believers on the move is to be a trait among believers.**

Phile 1:22 But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you. (NKJ)

Fellowship with one another is a blessing provided by the Lord and found in the practices of the early Church. Believers can see the example of Paul in needing lodging. Philemon was enlisted to show gracious hospitality in this by preparing a place for Paul in his wealthy home.