

PHILEMON
Philemon 1-25

Introduction

1. There are many biblical books which are often overlooked.
2. The small book of Philemon can teach a great deal about daily Christian living.

I. His make up

- A. He was a worker in the church (v. 1).
- B. He was a cooperative worker (v. 1).
- C. He was a worshipper of God (v. 2).
- D. He was a man of love (v. 5).
 1. John 14:15
 2. 1 John 4:7, 20
- E. He was a man of faith (v. 5, see Hebrews 11:6).
- F. He was an encourager (vv. 7, 20).
- G. He was trustworthy (v. 21).
- H. He was not just trying to “get by” in religion (v. 21).
 - I. He was hospitable (v. 22).
 - J. He was a prayerful man (v. 22).

II. Application for us

- A. Today we must strive to be cooperative church workers who love God and encourage others.
 1. It's not enough to just be a worker.
 2. If our work is not cooperative, we may find that very little progress is being made.
- B. Our faith will be seen by the world at large.
 1. Are we trustworthy?
 2. Are we hospitable?
 3. Are we prayerful?
 4. Are we loving?
- C. How well do you follow Philemon's example?