

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

PHILEMON

A LIVING LESSON ON FORGIVENESS



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“Pay it Forward.”

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Philemon

- ***17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.***
- ***18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.***
- ***19 I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL!***

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20 *Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ.*

• 21 *I am confident as I write this letter that you will do what I ask and even more!*

Is this a biblical principle?

- Matthew 10:5-8

⁵ Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions:

“Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, ⁶ but only to the people of Israel—God’s lost people. ⁷ Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. *Give as freely as you have received!*”

- GRACE.....

Is this a biblical principle?

- John 13:34-35

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

- LOVE.....

Is this a biblical principle?

- Ephesians 4:32
- ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- FORGIVE....

- GRACE.....
- LOVE.....
- FORGIVE....

Paul gives us some principals about paying it forward.

1. Treat others as if you are treating the one who did good to you. V.17

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2. Forgive or erase the debt, God will reward you. V.18.

- *18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.*

•Galatians 6:9

⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

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- **3. God doesn't expect you to pay it back but pay it forward. V.19**
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"We dishonor God by trying to pay him back for his good towards us."

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4. Paying it forward will result in the encouragement of others. V.20

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- 5. If you are a child of God, it's expected of you to pay it forward V.21

- *21 I am confident as I write this letter that you will do what I ask and even more!*

- GRACE.....
- LOVE.....
- FORGIVE....

- *22 One more thing—please prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that God will answer your prayers and let me return to you soon.*
- *Paul's Final Greetings*
- *23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. 24 So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my co-workers.*
- *25 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*

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