



“Useful or Useless”

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Setting the Stage

- Who was Philemon?
- Onesimus was formerly a _____

Paul’s Request

- Read Philemon 1

Paul’s word play on the name “Onesimus”

- “Onesimus” means _____.
- But in reality, he had become _____.

An essential element in the life of a disciple is _____.

Four Requirements for effective service

1. Love must come before our _____
 - For our service to be most effective, it must be motivated by _____
 - We need to give up our rights for _____
2. _____ must come before our Pride
 - When Forgiving is the toughest
 - What if God were to make that same request of us? To give up our pride and grant forgiveness? _____!

3. Freedom must come before _____
 - A New Model and a New Relationship
 - Serving from Freedom is a better _____
 - We don’t serve because we have to, but because we _____ to.
4. _____ must come before Fairness
 - What we might have to sacrifice
 - Time
 - Priorities
 - Money
 - Pride
 - Right to be angry ... to hold a grudge ... to ignore others.

Sacrifice enables us to LOVE _____, LOVE _____,
and MAKE _____

NEXT STEPS?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

1 Corinthians 15:58(NLT)

“So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.”