

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRISON EPISTLES

A. MISSIONARY LETTERS: *Galatians(c15); 1,2 Thessalonians(c18); 1,2 Corinthians(c21); Romans(c21)*

B. ROMAN JAIL (Acts 28:16; 30,31; see 24:27)

C. PRISON LETTERS: *Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon*

D. FINAL LETTERS: *1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy* (the Pastoral Letters)

I. LETTERS FROM A ROMAN JAIL: PHILEMON (1:1,9,10,13,23)

A. TO COLOSSAE (**1** & Col.1:1 / **2** & Col.4:17 / **10**; Col.4:9 / **23** & Col.1:7; 4:12 / **24** & Col.4:10,14)

B. A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS (8f & 21)

C. THE PERSONAL LETTER (1)

D. “GRANT PROPOSAL”: GREET⁽¹⁻⁷⁾ → APPEAL¹₍₈₋₁₆₎ → PERSUADE₍₁₇₋₂₁₎ ← APPEAL²₍₂₂₎ ← GREET₍₂₃₋₂₅₎

E. APPEAL: CALL ALONGSIDE TO ASK (9,10; see Jn.14:16,26; 15:26; 16:7; see Eph.4:30)

F. REQUEST: RECEIVE FROM & SEND TO ([10f,12; see 17; see Lk.15:11f,32] & [13,14])

II. HOW TO ASK A FRIEND FOR A FAVOR

A. GET SOME FRIENDS! (19,10; see 9,7,5; also 1,2&23,24; see 5-7,20)

B. BLESS THEM WITH YOUR MOUTH (3,25; see Col.3:8&12; 4:6; Eph.4:29,31; 1Pt.3:9; Jms.3:9,10)

C. PRAY FOR THEM WITH THANKSGIVING (4-7; see Rom.1:8; 1Cor.1:4; Phil.1:3; see Phil.4:6,7; 1Th.5:17,18)

1. *thank God* for the very things you will *ask them* for (4-7; see 7&20!)

2. *tell them* that you have thanked God for them in these things (4f; see 2Cor.8:8; Rom.12:20?!)

D. ASK PERSUASIVELY (9,10; see 2Cor.8:8,etc.)

1. *appeal: call alongside* to ask (9,10)

2. *confess your need* (9)

3. reveal *your* personal interest (10,12; see Jn.1:14f; Heb.11:17)

4. reveal *their* personal interest (10,11; 15,16)

5. confess *their rights* and afford *their opportunity* (12,14; 2Cor.9:7)

6. reveal *common* interest (17,1; see Lk.5:7,10; 2Cor.8:23; see *appeal=call alongside*, 9,10)

7. *send out* debt (18,19a; see Lk.10:35)

8. *call in* debt (19b; see 1Cor.4:15)

9. argue from *precedent* (20, see 7)

10. allude to *stronger* arguments (8 & 20; see 2Cor.8:8)

11. express *confidence* (8 & 21; see Heb.6:9)

12. *add* on other requests (22)

III. PERSUASIVELY ASK YOUR PARTNERS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY!

(Philemon; see Lk.5:6,7; 10; see Eph.4:14-16; 1Cor.12; Mt.28:18-20; note 1Sam.25:2f; Mt.25:35f)

Discussion question:

Brethren, `what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)