



The Power of Friends

Philemon

Listen! I have a relative who is a committed “loner” and she is struggling beyond description—beyond description. She is connected with no one. She takes input from no one. She takes help from no one. She gives to no one. She is relationally crippled and inept. She is a mess.

Why? In a world like ours everyone, sooner or later, needs the input and help of other people.

Big Idea: Friends are crucial to our lives because they give us both spiritual perspective and refreshment.

#1 Paul gave to Philemon—verses 10-15:

- Spiritual perspective:

#2 Philemon gave to Paul—verses 7, 20:

- Joy:
- Comfort:
- Refreshment:

For Instance: A 20-minute phone call.

Application: Would you be willing to be a HOST Home for six weeks beginning the week of January 28th?

- Please take the flyer out of your bulletin, fill it in, and pass it to the aisle.

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

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Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Can you remember a person giving to you the gift of joy? If so, what did they do? What did they say? How did they do it? Who should you help with the gift of joy?
- **Monday.** Can you remember a person giving to you the gift of comfort? If so, what did they do? What did they say? How did they do it? Who should you help with the gift of comfort?
- **Tuesday.** Can you remember a person giving to you the gift of refreshment? If so, what did they do? What did they say? How did they do it? Who should you help with the gift of refreshment?
- **Wednesday.** Can you remember a person giving to you the gift of perspective? If so, what did they do? What did they say? How did they do it? Who should you help with the gift of perspective?
- **Thursday.** Read Philemon and write down all the things that Paul and Philemon gave to each other in interpersonal relationship.
- **Friday.** Please pray about the possibility of being a HOST home for our six week small group effort beginning the week of January 28th.
- **Saturday.** Read John 13.

“The power of friends is that they give to us both perspective and refreshment.”