

to accept Onesimus back—now as a brother. It's a great example of love in action.

Although Onesimus deserved Philemon's punishment, Paul called him a "son" (v.10) and a "beloved brother" (v.16). He said he would repay what Onesimus had stolen.



Paul knew how to restore a relationship. Do we?

*God of grace and God of goodness,
Teach me to be ever kind,
Always gentle and forgiving
With the Savior first in mind. —Brandt*

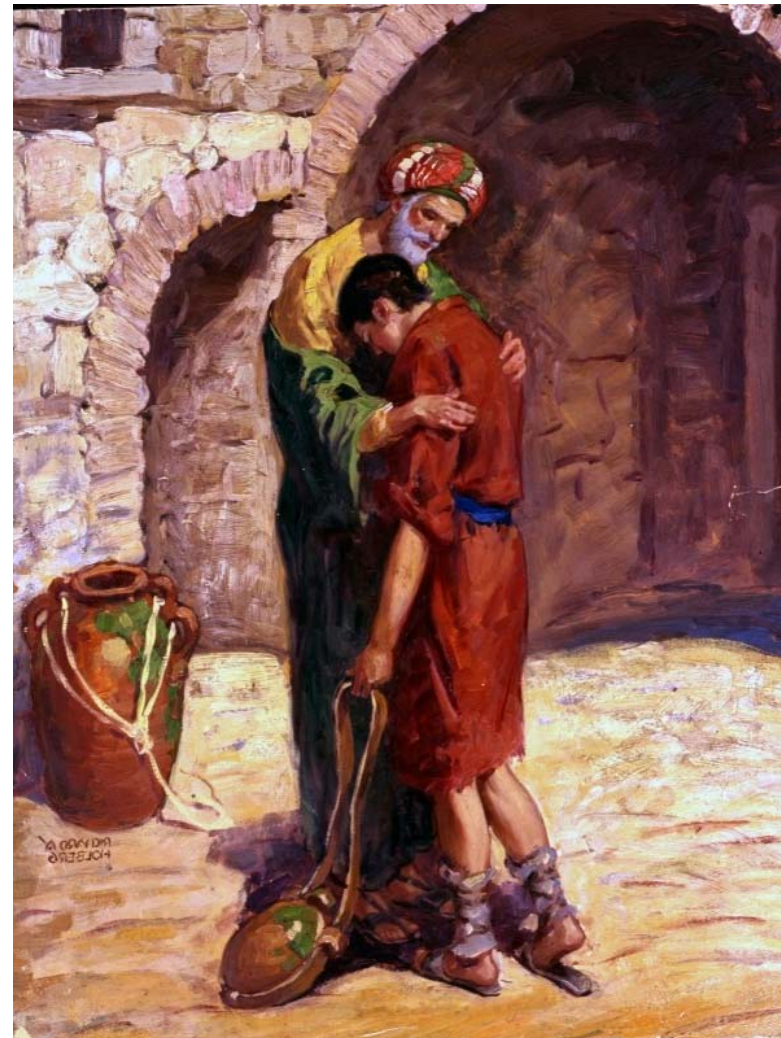
**Forgiveness is the glue that repairs
broken relationships.**

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Relationship Under Repair

by Dave Branon



Are you easy to get along with? Do you have a good relationship with your spouse or your friends? Then you probably aren't guilty of the following behaviours:

- criticising instead of praising
- using insensitive words
- neglecting others
- making jokes at another's expense
- not listening
- refusing to admit wrong
- being rude
- belittling others' opinions

These kinds of behaviour will wreck

Cont. P3

Dear Friends, we appreciate the Lord's love of children and our church's desire to protect them. As a consequence **we are announcing new toilet arrangements at church.**

- **Adults** will now use the toilets attached to the small hall. (Also includes teens 14 years and above)
- **Children** will use the closest toilets, that is, the toilets attached to the large hall. The signs on the large hall toilets say 'children only' and those signs will now be taken seriously.

The signs on the small hall toilets are similar but we will, each week, blue tack 'men' and 'women' signs over the top of the 'children only' signs there. When parents are present on campus, parents only should take children to the toilet. Helen adds "It was suggested that younger children at crèche could be taken to parents for them to assist with toileting. This was potentially by text message from crèche worker to parent. For older kids crèche worker to check the area is safe while kids go independently." Some of the details may be worked out at the AGM, but we will start implementing this new arrangement from Sunday 9/6/16 and see what 'teething' problems emerge.

Thanks, we may need to remind each other till we all get used to the new arrangement, Wayne



Philemon

Christian Relationships II

There are 6 principles of Christian Relationship in this little letter to Philemon

1. Serve each other, verses 1-3, 19,
2. Pray for each other, verse 4
3. Love for each other, verses 5-7 [last time]



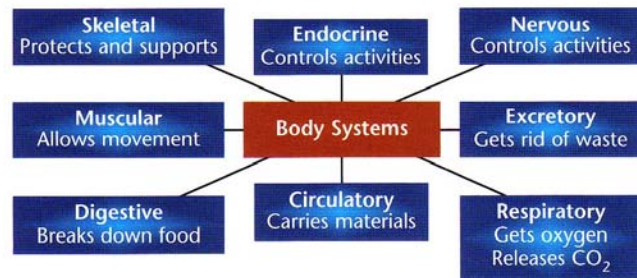
Lebanese Civil War

4. _____ each other, verse 81-16

(Luke 6:37) "... Forgive, and you will be forgiven."
(Matthew 6:12) "And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors."
(John 3:5) "... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."
(1 Peter 1:23) "having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,"



5. _____ to each other, verses 17-22



6. _____ one another, verses 23-25



From P1 relationships and hinder the healing of past hurts.

For a good example of the way to strengthen relationships, read the apostle Paul's short letter to Philemon, a wealthy resident of Colosse. The subject is Onesimus, Philemon's slave, who had stolen from him and fled to Rome. There Onesimus met Paul, who led him to a saving knowledge of Jesus. The letter is Paul's kind, compassionate appeal to Philemon