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Today's Scripture Passage: Philemon 1-7 (ESV)

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“The Power of the Gospel to Transform Lives”

(Philemon 1-7)

“Man’s first business is, ‘What does God want me to do?’ not ‘What will God do if I do so and so?’” ~ George MacDonald

A _____ heart should lead to a transformed life, offering the same _____ and _____ to others that we’ve received from God.

1. Paul’s Greeting (vv. 1–3).

- a. His identity (v. 1).
- b. The corporate nature of this personal letter (v. 2).
- c. Grace leads to peace—with God and others (v. 3).

2. Paul’s Thanksgiving (vv. 4–6).

The characteristics of one who forgives:

- a. A love for God and a love for people (vv. 4–5b).
- b. A concern for the witness of the church (v. 6).

Alternate translation of v. 6: “I pray that the faith you share with all God’s people might be energized by an understanding of all that is good among us because of what Christ has done.”

The world sees the power of the gospel to transform lives when it transforms our _____.

3. The Reason for Paul’s Thanksgiving (v. 7).
