

How to Handle a "Sticky" Situation

Philemon

Introduction: the issue of slavery during Paul's day

1. Colossians 3:22-4:1

- The slaves' responsibility 3:22-25
- The masters' responsibility 4:1

2. Ephesians 6:5-9

Servants: obey vv. 5-8

- with respect and fear
- in sincerity of heart
- as unto Christ - 1 Corinthians 10:31
- with consistency
- with inner motivation
- wholeheartedly

Masters: treat fairly v. 9

I. Paul's Appreciation for Philemon vv. 1-7

A. Paul's Prayer for Philemon vv. 1-6

B. Paul's Praise for Philemon v. 7

II. Paul's Appeal to Philemon vv. 8-16

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