

## PHILEMON 4-7 "INSIDE OUTWARD – HOW YOU FLOURISH"

ACC CHAtGPT top 5 inv: wheel, printing press, steam engine, electricity, telegraph

**NOTHING HAS CHANGED THE WORLD MORE RADICALLY CHURCH - JESUS**

Social norms, cultural institutions, education univer, arts, charity, pres know, law moral.

- **HUMAN HEART:** 1000's souls hearts invaded by heaven.

**MP: Christianity introduced a new world that has changed society and culture one soul at a time.**

**Philemon:** leader of a house church, Godly man, man of some means, led to Christ by Paul, lived in Colosse, Slave/House Servant stolen from him, ran away (capital crime)

- Onesimus – met imprisoned Paul who led him to Jesus while under house arrest.

The conv.: I know your master....I know Onesimus – WHEN THERE'S TENSION

- **CHNG CULTURAL INSTITUTION: not your property; he's your brother crazy**

**The framework of Philemon's faith was the platform for his obedience.**

Paul new Philemon would make the right choice because he was dealing with the new Philemon not the old one. **3 GEMS**

### **THE FLOURISHING LIFE**

PRAYING FOR FLOURISHING

Flourishing: an abundant life that produces an overflow that blesses others.

**JOHN 1010 LIFE: Abundance, Overflow...PSALM 23**

- **SHARING YOUR FAITH** – DESCRIBED..
  - o GOSPEL WITNESS: the new life - light in a dark world **SAVED**
  - o COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS: **STRENGTHENED**

**2 MINDSETS CONCERNING FLOURISHING**

**MINDSET 1 "FLOURISHING AS CONTINGENT ON WHAT COMES IN" – GRAPHIC1**

- Externals – THE LIST – FROM WORLD – FOCUS ALWAYS ON OBTAIN – "MORE"

**MINDSET 2 "FLOURISHING AS CONTINGENT ON WHAT IS ALREADY IN" GRAPH2**

- Internals – THE LIST – FROM HEAVEN – FOCUS ON POSSESS – "CONTENT"

**Reality every xian: rich/poor, educat/not, powerful/weak, influential/unknown....**

**BECAUSE YOU ARE NEW IN CHRIST**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**FLOURISHING BECOMES EFFECTIVE – 4 THINGS**

- Activated - mill that is producing/manufacturing plant

**1. JUST SAY YES: ACKNOWLEDGE EVERY GOOD THING IN US (YOU)**

- Change your mindset – change the way u see things = **RECEIVE LIVE IT OUT**
- THE DIFFERENCE WITH CHRISTIANITY: God does it – good thing (CREATION)

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In Christ, everything you need for a flourishing life is already in you.

**You're Rich:** strength? **grace** Peace? **prayer** Wisdom? **Word** Hope? **Resurrection**  
Belonging? **adopted.** Renewal? **Cross**

- **NEW NATURE:** Old nature serves self New nature serves God- DESIRES  
CHANGED – SANCTIFY LEARN TO LIFE – 2 natures (old kill it) – new (live to it)

Colossians 3:9–10 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices  
10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

The new you is given. It's not earned or made.

**World: You become what you focus on... bible..focus on who you already are.**

Stop acknowledging who you used to be and start acknowledging who God has made you  
to be.

**2. LIVE IN DENIAL – Get Used to denying the lies of devil – PORZINGUS – denied**

The devil's more than happy for you to live in your flaws. **(MIRROR LIGHTS)**

- **TOXIC THINKING...**

Thoughts you plant in your mind today will be the lifestyle that you harvest tomorrow.

- **REACT:** It's not fixing yourself, it's not trying harder, it's not your will power
  - o **Trying to do in your own strength what God has already done GALAT**

Cycles of sin, toxic thinking leading to unhealthy lifestyles

Corresponding truth:

The flourishing life doesn't flow from self-absorption **(self love/loathing)**

**3. SO...STICK IT WHERE IT COUNTS: SET YOUR MIND ON THE NEW NATURE**

Ephesians 4:21-24 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in  
Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt  
according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put  
on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

- **Renewal of the mind – learning to put on Christ**
- **WORKING OUT (nasty, narly) – PUT ON NEW CLOTHES**
- **MEDITATE ON THE LAW OF THE LORD – FRUITFUL TREE**

This is what pulls your thinking out of the ditch. This ends the cycles of sin in your life.

The great things that God wants to do through you, begin with the great work that he has  
done in you.