

December 17 Questions

- 1) Paul's letter to Philemon is a good example of how to _____ conflict between Christians. First, Paul brought the disputing parties together by addressing them as _____. Second, Paul was courteous and _____, and his wording allowed both parties to save _____ in an awkward and difficult situation. Third, rather than giving a command, Paul _____ to Philemon to do the right thing. Fourth, Paul treated Philemon as an equal _____ in ministry, even though as an apostle, he was Philemon's spiritual superior. In all, this letter shows us how to exercise spiritual authority and leadership in a _____ and loving way. Jude's letter shows how concerned he was about the reports of false _____, and he wanted to encourage his fellow believers to "_____ for the faith" (Jude 1:3). Our responsibility is threefold: (1) to _____ ourselves up in the faith, _____ in the Spirit, and keep ourselves in God's love (Jude 1:20–21); (2) to identify and _____ those who have "crept in unnoticed" (Jude 1:4); (3) to _____ those who have been seduced by false doctrine, acting in a spirit of mercy, but also with _____, knowing the danger of such teachings (Jude 1:22–23).