

## **Profitable unto God.**

**Job 22:2.Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?**

**{a} In the sight of God, am I worth anything to Him. Am I profitable unto Him or am I a liability? Have I taken the things He has given me and used them for His Glory?**

**{b} God does not own us anything, we own it all to Him. God has made an investment in each of us, and it is called the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ.**

**We have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb.Bought with a price.**

**{c} I really think this is a fair question. Are we concerned about the things of God, as much as we care of the things of our own?**

**[1} In the book of Philemon there is this story.**

**Philemon had a servant name Oh-Ness-ih-muss: Onesimus was like a lot of folk. He was a wicked servant and looks like he ran off from Philemon, and his way he runs into the preacher, Paul, he heard Paul's message and got saved.**

**Philem.3.May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you his blessings and his peace.**

**4.I always thank God when I am praying for you, dear Philemon,**

**5.Because I keep hearing of your love and trust in the Lord Jesus and in his people.**

**6.And I pray that as you share your faith with others it will grip their lives too, as they see the wealth of good things in you that come from Christ Jesus.**

**7.I myself have gained much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because your kindness has so often refreshed the hearts of God's people.**

**8.Now I want to ask a favor of you. I could demand it of you in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do, but I love you and prefer just to ask you--I, Paul, an old man now, here in jail for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

**10. My plea is that you show kindness to my child Onesimus, whom I won to the Lord while here in my chains.**

**11. Onesimus (whose name means "Useful") hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is going to be of real use to both of us.**

**Philem 11. Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: KJV**

**12. I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart.**

**13. I really wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News, and you would have been helping me through him,**

**14. but I didn't want to do it without your consent. I didn't want you to be kind because you had to but because you wanted to.**

**15. Perhaps you could think of it this way: that he ran away from you for a little while so that now he can be yours forever,**

**16. No longer only a slave, but something much better--a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you too, because he is not only a servant but also your brother in Christ.**

**I was once a slave to satan and he worked his will in me. I was not profitable to God or anyone else. But then Jesus came into my life. And He made me worth something:**

**My cup runneth over. At one time We were like the fig tree Jesus came to looking for something to eat and did not have a thing. Now we a tree planted by the water with much fruit..**

**We are no longer takers---we are givers....**

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