

**“Now, With Profit”** by Kirk Hunt

*I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:  
(Philemon 1:10-11 KJV)*

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The relationship between Onesimus and Philemon clearly had problems. Onesimus was an escaped slave and a thief. Onesimus had a lot of nerve, walking back in Philemon’s door.

Still, the two men came back into each other’s lives. Apostle Paul insisted that the two men reconcile with each other. Paul must have sensed that there would be profit in their relationship.

Onesimus returned to his owner, prepared to answer on two felony charges. Philemon suddenly had to re-prove his reputation regarding generosity and compassion to Christians.

The call to profitable relationships is not always easy. The call is rarely with risks. Still, the call rings out, today.

You have a choice. You can leave the relationship the way it is, or you can re-build. You can write off the loss, or you can go for the profit.

God is always honored when His sons and daughters work it out. No one said that is easy. But he is honored.

**Think:** The call to profitable relationships is not always easy, but it is worthy.

**Pray:** “Lord, help me to live in grace with others, especially believers.”

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