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*Philemon 1:4-7 (NIV)*

## **Active In Sharing Your Faith**

**Do you want to better come to know all that you have in me?** Yes, I definitely want to come to better know all I have in you. **Are you sure?** Yes, I'm sure. Why, is there a reason why I may not really be sure that I want to better come to know you? **There may be.** What might that be? **How do you think that you might better come to know me?** I'm sure that I would better come to know you as I draw near to you. As I meet with you in your word, I will better come to know you. As I meet with you in prayer and worship, I will better come to know you. As I listen to you and put your word into practice, I will definitely better come to know you. **Let's talk more about your putting my word into practice.** I would be happy to talk to you about putting your word into practice. **That's good.**

**Have I said in my word that I want you to be active in sharing your faith? Have I given you the assignment of going out into the world to make disciples? Have I told you that I want to work in and through you so that you can bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name? Have I given you an example of loving and giving to others? Have I asked you to become a servant just like a became a servant?** Yes, you have said all these things to me. Yes, you have given me these assignments. Yes, you want to bear fruit for your kingdom through my life. Yes, you want me to bring glory to your name. Yes, you have asked me to love and to give and to serve just as you loved and gave and served. **Then let me ask you another question.** Go ahead, I'm listening. **How are you doing? Are you actively sharing your faith? Are you making disciples? Is fruit for my kingdom being born through your life?** Well, I could be much more active in sharing my faith. I could be much more intentional in making disciples. I could allow you to bear much more fruit through my life. **Is that what you want?** Yes, that is what I desire with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Will you help me to be more active in sharing my faith. Will you help me to come to better know all that I have in you? **Is that your prayer?** Yes, it is. **Yes, I will help you to be more active in sharing your faith. Yes, I will help you to better know all that you have in me.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I don't know why I have been reluctant and timid to share my faith with others. I want that to change. Help me to be continually active in sharing my faith with others. Help me to better come to know all that I have in you, as I share my faith with others. Amen*

**Prayer** *Active In Sharing Your Faith*

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

NIV Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Put Into Action The Generosity That Comes From Your Faith*

I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon, because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people.

NLT Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Sharing Of Your Faith May Become Effective*

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

NRSV Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Sharing Of Your Faith May Produce And Promote*

I give thanks to my God for you always when I mention you in my prayers. Because I continue to hear of your love and of your loyal faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and [which you show] toward all the saints (God's consecrated people). [And I pray] that the participation in *and* sharing of your faith may produce *and* promote full recognition *and* appreciation *and* understanding *and* precise knowledge of every good [thing] that is ours in [our identification with] Christ Jesus [and unto His glory]. For I have derived great joy and comfort *and* encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints [who are your fellow Christians] have been cheered *and* refreshed through you, [my] brother.

AMP Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Fellowship Of Your Faith May Become Effective*

I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; *and I pray* that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake. For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

NASB Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Sharing Of Your Faith May Become Effective*

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

ESV Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Sharing Of Your Faith May Become Effective*

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

NKJV Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Faith We Hold In Common Keeps Showing Up In The Good Things We Do,*

Every time your name comes up in my prayers, I say, "Oh, thank you, God!" I keep hearing of the love and faith you have for the Master Jesus, which brims over to other Christians. And I keep praying that this faith we hold in common keeps showing up in the good things we do, and that people recognize Christ in all of it. Friend, you have no idea how good your love makes me feel, doubly so when I see your hospitality to fellow believers.

MSG Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *Share Your Faith With Others It Will Grip Their Lives Too*

I always thank God when I am praying for you, dear Philemon, because I keep hearing of your love and trust in the Lord Jesus and in his people. 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. 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.

TLB Philemon 1:4-7

**Prayer** *The Faith You Share May Make You Understand*

I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear about the love you have for all God's holy people and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus. I pray that the faith you share may make you understand every blessing we have in Christ. I have great joy and comfort, my brother, because the love you have shown to God's people has refreshed them.

NCV Philemon 1:4-7

# Active In Sharing Your Faith

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer** – Philemon 1:4-7

**In Context:** *Read Philemon 1*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Philemon 1:4-7 (NIV)

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How has sharing your faith with others helped you to better understand all you have in Christ?**

How are you being continually active in sharing your faith with others?

Who might be ready to hear you share your faith with them?

While will failing to share your faith with others stunt the growth of your faith in Christ?

**How has your faith in Christ grown as you have actively step out to share your faith in Him?**

Who stepped out of their comfort zone to share their faith in Christ with you?

**Why will you never regret becoming active in sharing your faith with others?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Be active in sharing your faith with others so you can come to better understand all you have in Christ.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are actively sharing your faith with others.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you be active in sharing your so you will know all you have in Christ.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will be active in sharing my faith so I will know all that I have in you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I share my faith and know more of all I have in you today?*

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