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No one serves the Lord alone! There are always critical support roles to be filled!

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The issue is not the 'size' of the talent but rather the faithfulness of using that talent.

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Absolutely not. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is given to each one. No exceptions.

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Beloved brother, faithful servant (deacon), fellow bond-servant. What a resume!

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First introduced: Paul's traveling companion. Trustworthy. Gift to persecuted/Jerusalem.

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Not good! You had to be enduring great hardship and persecution. Truly a servant!

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Our faithful and beloved brother. High praise, indeed. Especially considering his history!

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He was a runaway slave (death?); Paul led him to the Lord and is now sending him back...

Here, to the Colossians, how does Paul 'elevate' Onesimus (one of you)? 4:9b

By entrusting him w/ information for Colossae about Paul. He's important/trusted to Paul.

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Spiritually, Onesimus/Philemon are equal. Physically, still a slave/owner relationship.

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