

# 3 JOHN



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## 3 John 1 Teaching Points and Bible Study Questions

### Walk in Truth

In 3 John 1:4, the apostle John expresses his joy in hearing that his children are "walking in the truth." This is a reminder that living a life grounded in truth is not just a personal victory but a communal joy. Walking in truth means aligning our lives with the teachings of Scripture, allowing it to guide our decisions and actions. As we walk in truth, we reflect the light of Christ to those around us, becoming beacons of hope and integrity in a world often clouded by confusion.

1. How can you ensure your daily actions align with walking in truth?
2. Why do you think walking in truth is essential for personal growth?
3. What steps can you take to encourage others to walk in truth?

### Show Hospitality

John commends Gaius for his hospitality in 3 John 1:5-6, highlighting the importance of welcoming and supporting fellow believers. Hospitality is more than just opening our homes; it's about opening our hearts. By showing kindness and generosity, we demonstrate the love of Christ, creating a community that reflects the unity and care found in the early church. Remember, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

1. How can you show hospitality to strangers in your community this week?
2. Why do you think hospitality is important in building strong relationships within your church?
3. What can you do to make guests feel more welcome in your home or church?

## **Support Fellow Workers**

In 3 John 1:8, John encourages believers to support those who are working for the truth. This support can be financial, emotional, or spiritual. By standing behind those who are spreading the Gospel, we become partners in their mission. Our contributions, no matter how small, help advance the Kingdom of God, reminding us that we are all part of a larger purpose.

1. How can you practically support fellow workers in your community or church today?

2. Why do you think supporting fellow workers is emphasized in 3 John 1?

3. What can you do to encourage and uplift those who labor in ministry around you?

## **Imitate Good, Not Evil**

John advises in 3 John 1:11, "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good." This is a call to discernment and intentional living. By choosing to imitate good, we align ourselves with God's character and His will for our lives. This choice not only shapes our character but also influences those around us, encouraging them to pursue righteousness.

1. How can you actively choose to imitate good in your daily interactions with others?

2. Why do you think it's important to discern between good and evil influences in your life?

3. What practical steps can you take to encourage others to follow good rather than evil?



## **The Joy of Spiritual Growth**

John's joy in 3 John 1:4 over the spiritual growth of his children highlights the importance of nurturing our faith. Spiritual growth is a journey that requires dedication and intentionality. As we grow in our understanding of Scripture and deepen our relationship with God, we experience the joy and peace that comes from living in His will. This growth not only benefits us but also inspires others to pursue their own spiritual journeys.

1. How can you actively support others in their spiritual growth journey today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do you think spiritual growth brings joy to both individuals and their community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What practical steps can you take to ensure consistent spiritual growth in your life?

## **The Role of Encouragement**

Throughout 3 John, John offers encouragement to Gaius, demonstrating the power of uplifting words. Encouragement is a vital part of the Christian community, providing strength and motivation to persevere in faith. By speaking life into others, we help them overcome challenges and remain steadfast in their walk with Christ. As Proverbs 12:25 says, "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."

1. How can you actively encourage others in your community like Gaius did in 3 John 1?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do you think encouragement is vital for fostering strong relationships within the church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What practical steps can you take to offer encouragement to someone facing challenges this week?

## **The Danger of Pride**

John warns against the behavior of Diotrephes in 3 John 1:9-10, who loved to be first and rejected authority. Pride can be a stumbling block in our spiritual lives, leading to division and strife. By humbling ourselves and submitting to God's authority, we cultivate a spirit of unity and peace. Remember, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6).

1. How can you recognize and address prideful behavior in your daily interactions with others?
2. Why do you think pride can hinder community and fellowship within a church setting?
3. What steps can you take to cultivate humility and avoid the pitfalls of pride?

## **The Value of Personal Connection**

John's desire to visit Gaius in person, as mentioned in 3 John 1:13-14, underscores the importance of personal connection. While letters and messages are valuable, face-to-face interactions foster deeper relationships and understanding. In our digital age, let's not forget the power of personal presence, which can convey love and support in ways that words alone cannot. As we invest in personal connections, we build a stronger, more vibrant community of faith.

1. How can you strengthen personal connections within your community like Gaius did in 3 John 1?
2. Why do you think personal connections are emphasized in 3 John 1 for spiritual growth?
3. What can you do to ensure your personal connections reflect truth and love as seen in 3 John 1?