

3rd John

No Greater Joy

Going Deeper...

Read 3 John 1-2

1. What does John's prayer for Gaius tell us about the connection between spiritual and physical well-being?
2. If someone were to ask, "how is your soul doing?" –how would you answer honestly?

Read 3 John 3-4

3. What does it mean to "walk in truth"? How is this different from simply knowing the truth?
4. Why does it bring John "no greater joy" to see his spiritual children living faithfully? Who do you have spiritual influence over?

Read 3 John 5-8

5. How did Gaius show hospitality, and why was this so important in the early church? Is it less important today? Why or why not?
6. What does this passage teach about supporting ministry workers today?
7. How can your church or family practice biblical hospitality more intentionally?

Read 3 John 9-10

8. How does pride threaten unity in the church? How can we guard against it?
9. What warning signs do we see in Diotrephes' character? Can you relate personally in any way?

Read 3 John 11-12

10. Why does John urge the church to imitate good?
11. Who is watching your example? What kind of influence are you leaving?

Read 3 John 13-14

12. What do these final words tell us about the value of personal relationships in ministry?
13. How can we strengthen personal, face-to-face encouragement in an age of texts, emails, and social media?