

Understanding 3 John

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Intro

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Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. v.2-4

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You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. v.5-7

Jesus sends out missionaries _____ on the generosity and support of His people so that they can preach for _____.

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II. To spread the truth.

Therefore, we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. v.8

Not everyone is going out on the mission _____, but we can _____ them by supporting their work.

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_____ isn’t like that; God loves and God gives, and we should follow God’s _____.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. v.11

We should live _____ for Jesus and increase our eternal _____ by working together in love to spread the gospel.

Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true. v.12

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