



3 John

Fellow Helpers to the Truth

3 John 1:5-8

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Introduction:

Last week we were introduced to a well-loved individual name Gaius. Gaius was known for his love of God's truth, the Lord and those that loved the Lord. He gained a reputation among the churches of that day for being hospitable. Gaius is a God-given example for us today of how we ought have an open heart and home for the servants of the Lord.

HOSPITALITY: A friendly and generous reception and care for guest, visitors and strangers.

1. The _____ of His Hospitality (5)

A. _____ Hospitality (5a)

3 John 5 Beloved, thou *doest faithfully* whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

Beloved — dear friend

DEFINITION—FAITHFUL: characterized by steadfast affection or allegiance (to someone or something).

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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B. _____ Hospitality (5b)

3 John 5 Beloved, thou *doest faithfully* whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

DEFINITION—BRETHREN: believers (within the church)

DEFINITION—STRANGERS: travelers (passing through)

John 13:34–35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Gaius had an open heart and therefore an open home.

Note—There is a difference between hospitality and _____.

2. The _____ of His Hospitality (6)

A. It _____ the Churches (6a)

3 John 6a which have borne witness of thy charity before the church

Definition—Witness: testimony

Note—Gaius' hospitality was a demonstration of his love.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

B. It _____ God (6b)

3 John 6b ...whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

DEFINITION—BRING FORWARD: to send forth; to send off prepared (as for a journey); especially helping with provisions, supplies, or other necessities.

DEFINITION—GODLY SORT: manner worthy of God

QUOTE: The force of the apostle's words was to enjoin on Gaius an openhanded generosity toward the traveling brethren. Nothing less than such generosity would be "worthy of God," who expressed His supreme generosity in the giving of His Son. —Hodges

3 John 7 because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

NOTE — These were "servants of God" who depended on the generosity of God's people in order to fulfill God's call.

3. The _____ of Hospitality (78)

A. An _____ (8a)

3 John 8 We therefore ought to receive such...

DEFINITION—OUGHT: to be bound by obligation

NOTE — What God commands, He provides.

B. An _____ (8b)

3 John 8 ...that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

Definition—Fellowhelpers: fellow worker; a person who participates in the same activity as oneself

NOTE — Hospitality is an opportunity to be partners in advancing the truth!

Romans 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

Conclusion

2 Kings 4:8–11 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

Questions to Consider

Do I have a hospitable attitude?

Do I do my best to go out of my way to show provide for the needs of those serving the Lord?

Am I willing to receive servants of the Lord into my home?

What missionary, pastor, teacher or evangelist can I be a Gaius toward over the next week?



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