



May 29

Passage: 3 John

Yay!! It's Friday! Today we are going to be in 3 John again! Take a moment to pray before we dig in!

## **READ & DIG. READ ALL OF 3 JOHN (Underline anything that sticks out.)**

Yesterday we mainly looked at what we are not to do. Today we will focus more on what we are to do as seen in the example of Gaius. Two important things: *we are in this together and should support each other and we are to imitate good, not evil.*

### **IN THIS TOGETHER**

It always amazes me the way John and other authors in Scripture greet each other in their letters. I don't know about you, but as I read their greetings I can feel the love for one another and for Christ radiating off the paper. First John addresses the good work that Gaius is doing. So what is it that he is doing? Sending out strangers in a manner worthy of God (v6). It sounds like he is equipping disciples to go and testify of Christ. This is what we have been called to do as well! He not only encourages/praises Gaius for what he is doing, but he also states that we are to support one another. This is a call to community. God has granted us with a great resource, each other! We were never destined to walk this life alone, but rather God has intended from the beginning of time for us to live together. Don't believe me? Just look back at Genesis 2:18 Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a helper for him'. So God has given us each other to walk through this life with together ultimately with the purpose of proclaiming and sharing the Gospel. John points to this in verse 8 when he says, "that we may be fellow workers for the truth". How do you work with those God has placed in your life to proclaim the truth?

### **IMITATE GOOD**

John then instructs Gaius to not imitate evil, but to imitate God. In other words, walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10). Or as we talked about yesterday walking in truth and love, abiding in His word as we go. John isn't telling Gaius to imitate what is good because it sounds good. No, he is telling him to imitate what is good because whoever does good is from God, and whoever does evil has not seen God. Ouch! Heartcheck!! We should strive to imitate good, imitate Christ so that all of those we come in contact with see Christ's grace and love. Our sole purpose is to know God and to make God known. We cannot accomplish this if we are focused on this world and imitating evil. Focus on Christ and as Ephesians 5 says, be imitators of God, as beloved children...walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice.

## **!Apply & GO...**

- Remember,, you're not alone!
- Imitate Good!