

TOGETHER

3 JOHN

Friendship In Christ | June 16, 2024

3 John 1-15 *1The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.*

2Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. 3It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. 4I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 5Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. 6They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. 7It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. 8We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth. 9I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. 10So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church. 11Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. 12Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that 13I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. 14I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. 15Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name.

Genesis 2:18 *The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”*

Genesis 2:25 *Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

Friends _____ for one another.

3 John 2 *Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.*

Matthew 5:44 *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.*

Habit: Pray for your friends and your enemies

Friends _____ one another.

3 John 5 *Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you.*

When we encourage, we’re lifting each other when we’re weak.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 *And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

When we encourage, we’re battling sin and deceit.

Hebrews 3:13 *But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.*

Habit: Regular connections of encouragement

Friends _____ one another toward Jesus.

3 John 11 *Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.*

The habit of confession:

James 5:16 *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

The habit of forgiveness:

Colossians 3:13 *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

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