Week Seven - III John

III John 11

"Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."

The things I want to accomplish this week!

I Cor. 10:31

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – III John 11 Time spent in prayer

Read - III John 1-2

Examine -

1. How does John refer to himself?

2. To whom is he writing?

3. What word does he use to describe him?

4. In what does he love him?

5. What are two ways that verse one is similar to 2 John 1?

6. What two things does John wish for Gaius?

7. To what degree does he wish for these?

8. Read 1 Timothy 4:8. How profitable is bodily exercise?

9. Unto what is godliness profitable?

Apply: We do not know what kind of health Gaius was in, or how much money he had, but one thing is certain, he was rich and healthy spiritually! Christians should take care of their bodies because God indwells each of us; and if God prospers us as we serve Him that is fine. However, these should be secondary concerns. Our primary concern should be living godly lives. The world has this whole concept backwards. What about you? Which is in better shape, your spirit or your body?

On which do you spend more time working?

What are some good "dietary" guidelines for spiritual fitness? (Hint: see 1 Peter 2:2 and John 4:34)

Prayer

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Main thought to meditate on today:

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Weekly memory verse – III John 11 Time spent in prayer

Read - III John 3-4

Examine -

1. Who came to John?

2. Of what did they testify?

3. What did this cause John to do?

4. How are this verse and 2 John 4 similar?

5. In what did Gaius walk?

6. What was John's greatest joy?

Apply:

Gaius' Christian character was so clear that others took note of it and spoke highly of him to John. If someone spent even a short time with you, would they know you were a Christian by the time they left?

If someone who knows you well were to give a report on you, would they be able to complement your godly character or would their report be less pleasant?

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Main thought to meditate on today:

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Read - III John 5-8

Examine -

1. For what two categories of people did Gaius do things?

2. How did he do these things?

3. What quality of Gaius did these people bear witness of to the church?

4. John told Gaius that he would do well if he did what?

5. To what is this referring?

6. Why did these brethren and strangers go forth?

7. What did they take from the Gentiles?

8. What did John say they should do because of this?

9. In so doing, what would they be?

Apply:

Verses five through eight give us a great deal of insight about the relationship between missionaries and the local church. The missionary goes out for Christ's name sake. He does not depend on unbelievers to meet his needs, and he reports back to the local church. The local church should love their missionary, receive him, provide his needs, and do these things faithfully and in a godly manner. In so doing, the church has a part in the missionary's ministry.

In what ways are you actively involved in the work of missions?

Prayer

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Main thought to meditate on today:

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Weekly memory verse – III John 11 Time spent in prayer

Read - III John 9-11

Examine -

1. To whom did John write?

2. Who loved to have the preeminence in the church?

3. How did he respond to John and the brethren?

4. How did Diotrephes talk about John and the brethren?

5. What did he do to those in the church who wanted to receive John and the brethren?

6. What does John warn us not to follow?

7. What does he admonish us to follow?

8. Of whom is the person who does good?

9. Who has not seen God?

Apply:

Diotrephes loved to be the big shot. He could not stand for anyone else to be in an important position, so he slandered their character. John clearly identifies Diotrephes' character and actions as evil. Do you love to be the center of attention?

Are you jealous when your peers are in important positions?

In Philippians 2:3-4, how are we to esteem others?

On what things are we to look?

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Read - III John 12-14

Examine -

1. Who has a good report of all men?

2. Of what else does he have a good report?

3. Who else bore record of this?

4. What do we know about their record?

5. What else did John have to write?

6. What did John trust to be able to do shortly?

7. What does John wish for Gaius in this verse?

8. Who salutes Gaius in this verse?

9. What does John tell Gaius to do?

Apply:

Demetrius had consistent character; he was the same person no matter where he was or who he was with. As a result, he had a good report of all men. Is your character consistent? Are you the same person at home, at school and at church, or do you act differently to impress different people?

Who is always with you no matter where you are? (Ps. 139:7-12)

Who should you try to please no matter the circumstances?

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Read - III John

Examine -

1. To whom was John writing?

2. What things did John wish for him?

3. To what measure did he wish for these things?

4. In what did Gaius walk?

5. What was John's greatest joy?

6. How did Gaius do things for the brethren and strangers?

7. Who loved to have the preeminence in the church?

8. What are we not to follow?

9. What are we to follow?

10. Who has a good report of all men?

11. What does this suggest about his character?

Apply: What were the most significant principles in 3 John to you?

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Read - I, II, III John

Examine -

1. What message have we heard from God? (1 John 1:5)

2. In what must we walk to have fellowship with God? (1 John 1:7)

3. What must we do if we break our fellowship with God? (1 John 1:9)

4. How do we know that we know God? (1 John 2:3)

5. What are we not to love? (1 John 2:15)

6. In whom are we to abide? Why? (1 John 2:28)

7. What are we according to 1 John 3:2?

8. Why was the Son of God manifested? (1 John 3:8)

9. How are we to love? (1 John 3:18)

10. What are we to do with the spirits? Why? (1 John 4:1)

11. What is a man who claims to love God but hates his brother? (1 John 4:20)

12. Why did John write these things according to 1 John 5:13?

13. How should we respond to false teachers? (2 John 10)

14. What did John wish for Gaius? (3 John 2)

Apply: List four principles from this series that you will ask the Lord to help you apply to your life consistently.

Double Bonus: List the marks of a true believer and the Scripture with each one!

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