



Go for God!

The Third Epistle of JOHN **“Let’s Embrace Truth & Joy!”**

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I) Let’s Have a TESTIMONY of TRUTH! (v1-4)

(v1) How should we love each other? Love in truth!

(v2) How should we pray for each other? Pray for one another to prosper in all things and be in good health.

- How to prosper in all things:

- Joshua 1:7-9 - Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

- 1 Kings 2:3-4 - And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; ⁴ that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,’ He said, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’

- Jesus said in Matthew 6:33-34 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-11 - “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for

a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

- How can we have good health?

Like most things in life, daily habits require discipline and commitment.

According to a recent study, it takes 18+ days to form a new habit. Ready to go on this journey with full power? Then you won't want to miss the advice offered below.

Here we've listed 20 daily habits of successful people that can help you power your productivity:

1. Wake up early
2. Pray
3. Start your day with worship music
4. Have a morning devotional
5. Have a morning workout routine
6. Eat a healthy breakfast
7. Keep a daily journal
8. Practice gratitude
9. Choose 3 goals to prioritize daily
10. Stay informed about news, work, and enjoyment
11. Consume motivational content
12. Surround yourself with optimistic people
13. Block out time in your calendar, have fun
14. Pencil in time to relax
15. Be more health conscious
16. Move your body throughout the day
17. Keep your space organized and clean
18. Be in fellowship
19. Take time for self-care
20. Sleep long enough

~ How does my soul prosper?

- Jesus said in Luke 10:27 - *And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.*

- **Our SOUL is the seat of EMOTIONS and DESIRES** - The soul is described as the seat of many emotions and desires; in the Shema (Deut 6:4-9) Israelites are *commanded to love their God with all their heart, soul, and strength*. Although "soul" appears in the translation to be a separate faculty of the body, the verse is an exhortation to love God with one's entire self.

Our soul longs for God - Psalm 63:1 - *O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Our soul rejoices - Psalm 86:4 - *Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Our soul has knowledge - Psalm 139:14 - *I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well*

(v3) What should others say about us? We testify truth. We walk in truth.

(v4) What brought John great joy? That his children walk in truth.

~ Scriptural liberty - "Teach our children to walk in truth":

- Psalm 127:3- *Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.*

- Proverbs 22:6- *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

- Proverbs 23:24- *The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.*

- Psalm 27:10- *When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.*

- Proverbs 8:32- *"Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.*

II) Let's Be a FELLOW WORKER for TRUTH! (v5-8)

- Let's listen to Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30

~ Keys to a "good & faithful servant" - Romans 12:9-21

#1- *Love sincerely*

#2- *Abhor evil*

#3- *Do good*

#4- *Be kindly affectionate w/brotherly love*

#5- *Give honor to one another (put others first)*

#6- *Be diligent (do it always)*

#7- *Fervent in spirit (be vibrant)*

#8- *Serve the Lord*

#9- *Rejoice in hope*

#10- *Patient in tribulation*

#11- *Consistent in prayer*

- #12- *Help one another*
- #13- *Be hospitable*
- #14- *Be a blessing to the persecutor*
- #15- *Rejoice & weep with one another*
- #16- *Be humble in mind & life*
- #17- *Be a peacemaker*
- #18- *Trust God for justice*
- #19- *Overcome evil with good*

III) Let's Beware of FALSE WORKERS! (v9-11)

~ **Dirty deeds of Diotrephes:**

- *Selfish ambition*
- *Malicious talk*
- *Self glory*
- *Divisive*
- *Isolation*
- *Exclusionary*

IV) Let's Be a TRUE FRIEND! (v12-13)

True friends complement one another (I.E.- Demetrius)- **No competition!**

True friends have a true testimony- **They're real!**

True friends hope to see each other- **Acceptance!**

True friends share their lives with each other- **Share, ask, listen!**

True friends bring peace- **No insecurities!**

True friends have true friends- **No expectations!**

~ Jesus said in John 15:13-17- *Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.*