

Worth It! 3 John – The Maturity of Faithfulness

3 John 1-8

3 John 1-8 (CSB)

The elder:

To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

²Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well.

³For I was very glad when fellow believers came and testified to your fidelity to the truth—how you are walking in truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in truth. ⁵Dear friend, you are acting faithfully in whatever you do for the brothers and sisters, especially when they are strangers. ⁶They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, ⁷since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. ⁸Therefore, we ought to support such people so that we can be coworkers with the truth.

What model of faithfulness in Spiritual Maturity do we get from our brother Gaius?

1. The real you is more important than the “circumstantial” you.

3 John 2 (CSB)

Dear friend, I pray that you are **prospering in every way and are in good health**, just as your **whole life is going well**.

2. The testimony in you produces the testimony about you.

3 John 3 (CSB)

For I was very glad when fellow believers came and **testified to your fidelity to the truth**—how you are walking in truth.

3. You let those who love you in truth be glad.

3 John 4 (CSB)

I have **no greater joy** than this: to hear that my children are walking in truth.

4. Faithful fellowship matters to you.

3 John 5 (CSB)

Dear friend, you are acting **faithfully in whatever you do for the brothers and sisters**, especially when they are strangers.

5. You don't forget the mission.

3 John 6-8 (CSB)

They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. **Therefore, we ought to support such people so that we can be coworkers with the truth.**

For every Alaskan Challenge:

Tell someone who's been faithful in the truth to you thank you.