



the **lake** church

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SMALL PACKAGES #2



3 John 1:1-15

1. John's blessing on his good friend Gaius

3 John 1:1-4 – *The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. For I was overjoyed when brothers came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth. (See also: John 1:12/Romans 10:9-10/Psalm 128:1/Psalm 112:1/Psalm 119:1-2/James 1:22)*

2. Gaius – a good example of a Godly man.

3 John 1:5-8 – *Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brothers and sisters, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will*

do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may prove to be fellow workers with the truth.

(See also: Matthew 25:21/1 Samuel 30)

3. Diotrephes: A lesson in what NOT to do

3 John: 9-11 – I wrote to the church about this, but Diotrephes, who loves to be the leader, refuses to have anything to do with us. When I come, I will report some of the things he is doing and the evil accusations he is making against us. Not only does he refuse to welcome the traveling teachers, he also tells others not to help them. And when they do help, he puts them out of the church. (NLT)

(See also: Genesis 4:24/Genesis 10:9/Judges 9/book of Esther/
Acts 12:20-23/Matthew 20)

4. Demetrius: Another good godly saint.

3 John 1:12-15 – Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we testify too, and you know that our testimony is true. I had many things to write to you, but I do not want to write to you with pen and ink; but I hope to see you shortly, and we will speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you.

5. Walking in the Truth of God

A. Walking in the Truth of God ... sets us apart.

John 8:32/John 17:17/Philippians 3:20-21

B. Walking in the Truth of God ... increases our FAITH.

Habakkuk 2:4/Romans 1:16-17/Hebrews 11:1-3/ Hebrews 11:6

C. Walking in the Truth of God ... increases our JOY and happiness.

John 15:11

D. Walking in the Truth of God ... increases our blessings in all respects

Psalms 1:1-3

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.”

– 3 John 1:2