



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: 3 JOHN 1-8

MINISTRY TO ME

INTRODUCTION

- A. John is the author of The Gospel of John, 1, 2, 3 John, and Revelation _____
- B. John's writings appear to become progressively more personal _____
 1. The Gospel of John is written to a very broad audience
 2. 1 John is written to a broad audience, however, John addresses them as beloved
 3. 2 John
 - a. John addresses "the elect lady and her children"
 - b. V. 1, *Whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth*
 - c. V. 4, *I rejoice greatly that I have found some of **your** children walking in truth*
 - d. V. 12, *...I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.*
 4. 3 John
 - a. John addresses "the beloved Gaius" (beloved = *agapetos*)
 - b. V. 1, *Whom I love in truth*
 - c. V. 4, *I have no greater joy than to hear that **my** children walk in truth.*
 - d. VV, 13, 14, *...I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face.*
- C. John is writing a personal letter of encouragement to Gaius _____
- D. I want to personally encourage you this morning _____

GOD'S PURPOSE

- A. When God created humans, God created us holistic beings – Spirit, Soul and Body _____
- B. Therefore, as we apply care for ourselves, we should likewise understand and apply it holistically _____
- C. While the Spirit, Soul and Body are distinct from each other, they work harmoniously for the benefit of the total person – think of it as systems _____
 1. Automobiles have systems – Engine, Drive Train, Fuel, Ignition, Electrical, Exhaust, Cooling, Brake
 2. Our bodies have systems – Cardiovascular, Nervous, Circulatory, Digestive, Respiratory, Reproductive, Muscular, Skeletal, Immune
- D. Consequently, it is appropriate for us to place equal emphasis upon all parts of our well-being _____

JOHN'S PRAYER

- A. Holistic Health and Well-Being _____
 1. Just as your soul prospers (**Prosper = to have a good journey throughout one's life**)
 - a. John is comparing the anticipated prosperity of Gaius' physical being with the prosperity Gaius is already experiencing in his soul
 - b. Gaius' soul prospered because his spirit prospered
 - c. V. 3, ³ *For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.*
 - d. VV. 5, 6, ⁵ *Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, ⁶ who have borne witness of your love before the church...*
 2. Prosper in all things
 3. Be in health (**Health rests on a balanced mixture of qualities**)
- B. I pray for Holistic Health and Well-Being for you _____