

Today's Message: 3 JOHN: WALKING IN TRUTH
Series: Messianic Letters
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Don't we want to be walking in the truth? How do you teach our children to walk in the Truth?

3 John (NLT) This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to Gaius, my dear friend, whom I love in the truth. ² Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit. ³ Some of the traveling teachers recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the truth. ⁴ I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth. ⁵ Dear friend, you are being faithful to God when you care for the traveling teachers who pass through, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶ They have told the church here of your loving friendship. Please continue providing for such teachers in a manner that pleases God. ⁷ For they are traveling for the Lord, and they accept nothing from people who are not believers. ⁸ So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth. ⁹ I wrote to the church about this, but Diotrephes, who loves to be the leader, refuses to have anything to do with us. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God. ¹² Everyone speaks highly of Demetrius, as does the truth itself. We ourselves can say the same for him, and you know we speak the truth. ¹³ I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to write it with pen and ink. ¹⁴ For I hope to see you soon, and then we will talk face to face. ¹⁵ Peace be with you. Your friends here send you their greetings. Please give my personal greetings to each of our friends there.

Written by: John

Written to: Gaius

Date Written: 90-95 AD

Written from: Ephesus

Purpose: Support Missionaries

v. 8 So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth.

Diotrephes (cherished by Zeus)

- loves to be the leader,
 - refuses to have anything to do with us
 - evil accusations he is making against us
 - refuse to welcome the traveling teachers
 - he also tells others not to help them
- when they do help, he puts them out of the church*

Demetrius (goddess of agriculture)

- Everyone speaks highly of
- as does the truth itself
- We ourselves can say the same for him, and you know we speak the truth

Diotrephes:	Demetrius:
<i>Don't let this bad example influence you... those who do evil prove that they do not know God</i>	<i>Follow only what is good...those who do good prove that they are God's children</i>

Focus Verse: *3 John 4 (NLT) I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth.*

How to help your children walk in the truth:

1. Teach them | What are you doing to learn / teach God's word?
2. Discipline them | Are you working on consistent obedience?
3. Show them | Does your life demonstrate your faith to others?
4. Love them | Is your love for God and others growing?

Consistently and Persistently!

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (ESV) "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SO WHAT? Are you helping your children walk in the truth?

v 11b Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, July 24, 2022

1. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



2. WORKDAY AT NEW BUILDING SATURDAY AT 9AM—13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers (SE corner 131st & SR 37). Text Alex Abell with questions or more info 317-416-8027.

3. ONWARD'S NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED—In just 3 weeks Onward Church will be moving to our new facility at 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers (131st & SR 37). Our planned move will be August 14, 2022. We will be renting our facility from *Mission Christian Academy* led by Shawn Moore.

4. NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH IN JULY

5. FAMILY CAMP—SEPTEMBER 9-11. Blue Gate Inn, Shipshewana. Save the dates. More info to come.

6. 2022 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR—OCTOBER 18-29, 2022. Cost of the tour will be approximately \$3,850 per person (double occupancy). A deposit of \$500 will hold your spot. For more information, please write Pastor Gary at gary@garystump.org. Vaccine Mandates have been lifted for travelers to Israel.