

3 JOHN 1:1-15

John Is Happy About The Good _____

1 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.

1 Timothy 4:8 "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

9 This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it.

Keep _____ The Traveling Teachers

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.

_____ To Be Influenced By Diotrephes

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.

Colossians 1:18 Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

Traits Of A Bad Leader

_____ Power

_____ To Submit To Authority

_____ Negatively To Others

_____ Legalistic

_____ Bring Division

_____ To A Bad Leader

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.

Two Ways We Are Influenced

_____ An Attitude

_____ Their Behavior

How Should We Respond To A Bad Example

Romans 2:6 He will judge everyone according to what they have done.

7 He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.

8 But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

9 There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.

10 But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.

11 For God does not show favoritism.

Romans 12:21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Galatians 6:8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Titus 2:14 He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

James 3:13 If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

1 Peter 2:19 For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment.

20 Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

21 For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

The _____ Of Demetrius

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.

Give My _____ To Our Friends

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.