

True Prosperity
III John 1-3

III John is the shortest book in the Bible – 219 words

Written to an individual, Gaius, in a church in Central Asia

I, II, and III John address heresies and controversies in the 1st Century church in Central Asia

- 1. Was Jesus the Christ?*
- 2. Was He really flesh and blood?*
- 3. Spiritual arrogance and superiority – beginning of Gnosticism*

Prosperity is a major pursuit in America

- Bill Gates*
- Floyd “Money” Mayweather*

True Prosperity is Measured in the Health of Our Relationships v1

- John and Gaius*
 - “The Elder” – Apostle John. Reference to age and authority*
 - “Gaius” – common name, a church leader in Asia Minor*
- Love in truth*
 - Not merely lip service I John 3:18*
 - Sincerely*
 - In action*

True Prosperity is Initiated by the Desires of the Heart v2

- “Agape” love desires God’s best for another*
- “Prosper” – a good journey in all respects*
- Spiritual prosperity Ephesians 1:7; 3:8*

True Prosperity is Characterized by the Practice of Truth v3

- Gaius’ testimony – he walks in truth*
 - Embrace the truth of God’s Word*
 - Live the truth by practice*
- A lifestyle of truth is your most powerful testimony*
- A lifestyle of truth will be a source of joy for others*