

3RD JOHN 1:5-8 # 25

1. JOHN IS PRAISING GAIUR (SEE FIRST VERSE) FOR HIS HOSPITALTY. THIS IS A PRACTICAL OUTWORKING DEMONSTRATION OF THE COMMAND "TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER". At A CHURCH I ONCE SERVED, EACH SUNDAY A DIFFERENT FAMILY WOULD INVITE US TO LUNCH.
2. GAIUS AND US ARE TOLD TO DO WHAT WE SHOULD DO FAITHFULLY. IN MATTHEW 25:21 JESUS WILL GREET THE FAITHFUL WITH THESE WORDS: "WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT".
3. IN JOHN'S DAY AND IN MY GRANDFATHER'S DAY, THE ITINERANT PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL WERE DEPENDENT ON THE HOSPITALITY OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.
4. THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE FRONT-LINE WORKERS ARE JUST AS VITAL AS THEY ARE. OUR MISSIONARIES NEED US! AND JESUS SAID IN MATT.10:42: "THAT EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER OFFERED TO ONE OF HIS CHILDREN WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN". WHEN WE STAND AT THE "BEMA" JUDGMENT SEAT, WILL OUR REWARD COME FROM OUR FAITHFULNESS IN GIVING AND SUPPORTING THE FRONT-LINE WORKERS?
5. IN VERSE SEVEN THE WORD "GENTILES" MEANS NON-CHRIST FOLLOWERS. REMEMBER THEY WERE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. CHRIST CAME FOR ALL. THEY WERE NOT TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM NON-CHRIST FOLLOWERS BUT TO LOOK TO FELLOW CHRISTIANS.
6. "IN A MANNER WORTHY OF GOD", WE ARE TO DO OUR BEST! READ MATTHEW 10:40-41. WE NEED TO DO OUR BEST.