

3 John 1-4

I. Salutation (1)

A. From: The Elder (1a)

i.e. John

B. To: Gaius, the beloved, whom I love in truth (1b)

Nothing more is known about Gaius except this letter

II. Thanksgiving/Prayer report (2-4)

A. I desire you to be blessed in all things (2)

1. Beloved, I desire concerning everything (2a)

2. What I desire: (2b-d)

a You will succeed and be healthy (2b-c)

1) You would succeed (2b)

Literally "prosper"

No room for prosperity gospel nonsense in this verse

Just standard blessing "I want things to go well with you"

2) And be healthy (2c)

b Just as your soul is succeeding (2d)

B. Reason: Because I rejoice that my children are walking in truth (3-4)

1. I rejoice that you are walking in truth (3)

a I rejoiced greatly (3a)

b Reason: The brothers told me you are walking in truth (3b-d)

1) When the brothers came (3b)

2) They testify that you are walking in truth (3c-d)

a) And they testified to your truth (3c)

b) Just as you are walking in truth (3d)

"walking" = lifestyle

2. My greatest joy is that my children are walking in the truth (4)

a I have no greater than this joy: (4a)

b That I hear my children are walking in the truth (4b)