

What can we learn from 3 John?

There are several small books in the bible that God placed there for our learning and our admonition. Even this small New Testament book of encouragement has great lessons for us today.

1. What issue was John addressing as recorded in the book of 3 John?

3 John **1:2**

3 John **1:5-6**

3 John **1:9**

The main topic of discussion for 3 John is the issue of hospitality. There are some who demonstrate the love from Christ by facilitating the ministerial workers as they move through town. There are others who desire the attention to be upon themselves and thus will cause damage to those looking to assist the ministers of the gospel.

2. What did John say should be done?

3 John **1:4**

3 John **1:7-8**

3 John **1:9-11**

The book of 3 John has much in common with 2 John. Both had to do the kind of fellowship we ought to have with professing believers. While 2 John focuses in on verifying the legitimacy of a professing believer before inviting him to speak before the congregation, 3 John focuses in on showing genuine hospitality to those who have passed the test. Part of that test and fellowship of hospitality has to do with whether or not the person follows after the truth of God. It also takes into consideration who is going to receive the notoriety. There are those who desire all attention to be on them, but God calls us to focus on Christ..

3. What does the Christian need to be careful of regarding the book of 3 John?

Hebrews **13:2**

Romans **11:19-21**

1 Timothy **6:17-19**

Malachi **2:7-10**

1 Corinthians **4:6-8**

1 John **2:3-21**

The Christian needs to be careful about NOT turning away other people just because they are unknown or not of your congregation. Christians need to be careful that we do not look down on other professing Christians just because we do not know them. Nor should we think of ourselves as being somehow superior to others.

4. What should the Christian do instead?

Romans **12:10-15**

1 Timothy **3:2**

Titus **1:7-9**

1 Peter **4:8-10**

1 Corinthians **13:4-8**

As Christians, we need to truly care for and love others even as Christ has loved you. As servants of Christ, we need to be open and ready to be hospitable one to another.