

Walk in Truth

II and III John

Hey, welcome back. We are about to change gears and head into a new set of studies. If I think it's going to be six to eight months, it will probably be a year and a half!

Anyway, there are just two more lessons in our *Genesis to Revelations* study, after this one.

By now we know all about John, so we will not do a history this week.

Let's read ***II and III John***.

Now, my favorite question:

1. What does the Holy Spirit tell you about these books?

II John Verse 1-2

1) The Elder, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, 2) because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

The elect lady and her children... figurative or literal --- the discussion goes round and round. I believe it is figurative.

It seems there were a lot of false teachers going around. Then additionally, it seems there was a problem in the church as well, as evidenced in III John. As long as there are different people --- two people --- there will be differences in opinion. How strange, since there is only one truth.

2. So what is truth?

Obviously the word "truth" is used interchangeably and in different literary forms.

3. Do you walk in truth?

Read *II and III John* again.

II John verse 4

4) I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

Walking in truth.

Sometimes the truth is that we deceive ourselves. We lie to ourselves about how truthful we really are --- especially when it comes to motives --- why we do what we do. In addition, many people are deceived...

Think false churches, packed full of people who love God and people, but deny Christ.

4. Do you think these people know they are wrong?

What's even worse...

III John 9-12

Here John promises to use his apostolic authority. Remember, we defined what makes an apostle of Christ and an apostle in today's church.

John is an apostle.

So, do you walk in truth? Are your actions matching up to the front you put up? When I think of my own struggles, it's scary to think of other's.

When we say we love God, there is a sacrifice. We give something up. That's what servants do. They give up the right to themselves in order to serve others.

Let's pray the Holy Spirit will show each individual an area of untruth to correct.

5. What have you been saying that does not match your actions?

Let's pray.