

The Marks of a Godly Man

Text: 3 John 1-8

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I. A GODLY MAN KNOWS JESUS

1. John addressed Gaius as the well-beloved (v.1).
2. John mentions how Gaius' soul prospered (v. 2).
3. Gaius possessed godly qualities.
4. Do you know Jesus? Does He know you? (*Jn. 17:3; Mt. 7:21-23*).

II. A GODLY MAN IS FULL OF TRUTH (vv. 1-4)

1. Gaius possessed the truth (v.3) "*truth that is in thee.*"
2. Gaius practiced the truth (v. 3) "*thou walkest in the truth.*"

III. A GODLY MAN IS FAITHFUL (v. 5)

1. He is faithful to the Father (God).
2. He is faithful to his family.
3. He is faithful to his friends.
4. He is faithful to the foreigner (v. 5).

IV. A GODLY MAN LOVES (v.6)

1. He possesses love (*Romans 5:5*).
2. He promotes love.
3. He perseveres in love.

V. A GODLY MAN HAS A GOOD REPUTATION (vv. 5-6 - "*which have borne witness of thy love before the church*")

One's reputation is based on three things.

1. Words
2. Works
3. Way of life (*Proverbs 22: 1; Eccl. 7:1*).