



# PRACTICE LOVE

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With All Your Soul  
3 John 1-8

Mark 12:28-29 *One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?"* 29 *Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'*

## The Prosperous Soul

3 John 1-2 *The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.* 2 *Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.*

1. Good health –
2. A soul that prospers –

## Soul off the right path:

- Restless Soul –
- Tired Soul –
- Defeated Soul –

## How is it with your soul?

## Practices of a Prosperous Soul:

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Truth (Vs. 3-4)

3 John 3-4 *For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.*

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 5-6)

3 John 5-6 *Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; 6 and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.*

Point:



## Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How is it with your soul?
2. When do you feel like your soul is restless? Tired? Defeated? Prospering?
3. What is keeping you from a prosperous soul?
4. Suggested ways to walk in the truth:
  - a. Use the means of grace.
  - b. Start a daily Bible reading plan.
  - c. Memorize Bible verses.
5. Suggested ways to act faithfully:
  - a. Practice weekly sabbath time; renewal time.
  - b. Look for a place where you can serve the body of Christ or the mission of Christ.
  - c. Look for a place to invest in Christ's mission.

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