

From the Beginning – A Promise to be Prosperous

3 John

Prosper in the Truth

3 John 1

¹ The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius [Gaios], whom I love in the truth.

Elder – [NT:4245](#) πρεσβύτερος **presbuteros** (pres-boo'-ter-os); comparative of presbus (elderly); older; as noun, a senior; specifically, an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian "presbyter":

KJV - elder (-est), old.

Wellbeloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:

KJV - (dearly, well) beloved, dear.

Love – [NT:25](#) ἀγαπάω **agapao** (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from **agan** (much) [or compare [OT:5689](#)]; to love (in a social or moral sense):

KJV - (be-) love (-ed). Compare [NT:5368](#).

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, ^xtruly, truth, verity.

Similarly John stated earlier:

2 John 1

¹ The elder unto the **elect lady** and her children, whom **I love in the truth**; and not I only, but also all they that have **known the truth**;

Similarly love for all the brethren

1 Peter 1

²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth through the Spirit** unto unfeigned **love of the brethren**, see that ye **love one another with a pure heart fervently**:

Similarly John had said of all his children

1 John 3

¹⁸ My little children, **let us not love in word**, neither in tongue; **but in deed and in truth**.

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² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Beloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:
KJV - (dearly, well) beloved, dear.

Wish – [NT:2172](#) εὐχομαι **euchomai** (yoo'-khom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to wish; by implication, to pray to God: **KJV** - pray, will, wish.

Prosper – [NT:2137](#) εὐοδόω **euodoo** (yoo-od-o'-o); from a compound of [NT:2095](#) and [NT:3598](#); to help on the road, i.e. (passively) succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs: **KJV** - (have a) prosper (-ous journey).

Psalm 35

²⁷ Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, **Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.**

Prosperity – [OT:7965](#) שָׁלוֹם **shalom** (shaw-lome'); or **shalom** (shaw-lome'); from [OT:7999](#); safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, happy, friendly; also (abstractly) welfare, i.e. health, prosperity, peace:

KJV - ^x do, familiar, ^x fare, favour, + friend, ^x great, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, ^x wholly.

Luke 1

⁴⁶ And Mary said, **My soul doth magnify the Lord,**

Psalm 73

¹² Behold, these are the **ungodly**, who **prosper** in the world; they increase in riches.

Psalm 1

³ And he shall be **like a tree planted by the rivers of water**, that **bringeth forth his fruit** in his season; **his leaf also shall not wither**; and **whatsoever he doeth shall prosper**.

Prosper – [OT:6743](#) תָּלַח **tsalach** (tsaw-lakh'); or **tsaleach** (tsaw-lay'-akh); a primitive root; to push forward, in various senses (literal or figurative, transitive or intransitive):

KJV - break out, come (mightily), go over, be good, be meet, be profitable, (cause to, effect, make to, send) prosper (-ity, -ous, -ously).

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² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Health – [NT:5198](#) ὑγιαίνω **hugiaino** (hoog-ee-ah'-ee-no); from [NT:5199](#); to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine): **KJV** - be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some).

Soul – [NT:5590](#) ψυχή **psuche** (psoo-khay'); from [NT:5594](#); breath, i.e. (by implication) spirit, abstractly or concretely (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from [NT:4151](#), which is the rational and immortal soul; and on the other from [NT:2222](#), which is mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew [OT:5315](#), [OT:7307](#) and [OT:2416](#)): **KJV** - heart (+-ily), life, mind, soul, + us, + you.

Prospereth – [NT:2137](#) εὐοδῶ **euodoo** (yoo-od-o'-o); from a compound of [NT:2095](#) and [NT:3598](#); to help on the road, i.e. (passively) succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs: **KJV** - (have a) prosper (-ous journey).

Speak the Truth

Proverbs 12

¹⁸ There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but **the tongue of the wise is health**.

Serve Faithfully

Proverbs 13

¹⁷ A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but **a faithful ambassador is health**.

Speak Pleasantly

Proverbs 16

²⁴ **Pleasant words** are as an honeycomb, **sweet to the soul, and health to the bones**.

Pleasant – [OT:5278](#) נֹאֵם **no`am** (no'-am); from [OT:5276](#); agreeableness, i.e. delight, suitableness, splendor or grace: **KJV** - beauty, pleasant (-ness).

Obey the LORD

Jeremiah 38

²⁰ But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. **Obey**, I beseech thee, **the voice of the LORD**, which I speak unto thee: **so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live**.

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Seek Forgiveness

Psalm 41

⁴ I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: **heal my soul**; for I have sinned against thee.

Be At Peace

Psalm 55

¹⁸ He hath **delivered** my soul in **peace** from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

Delivered – [OT:6299](#) פָּדָה **padah** (paw-daw'); a primitive root; to sever, i.e. ransom; gener. to release, preserve:
KJV - ^x at all, deliver, ^x by any means, ransom, (that are to be, let be) redeem (-ed), rescue, ^x surely.

Peace – [OT:7965](#) שָׁלוֹם **shalom** (shaw-lome'); or **shalom** (shaw-lome'); from [OT:7999](#); safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, happy, friendly; also (abstractly) welfare, i.e. health, prosperity, peace:
KJV - ^x do, familiar, ^x fare, favour, + friend, ^x great, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, ^x wholly.

Praise Him with Joy

Psalm 63

⁵ **My soul shall be satisfied** as with marrow and fatness; and **my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips**:

Preserves our souls

Psalm 86

² **Preserve my soul**; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

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Prosper in His Testimony

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³ For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

Rejoiced – [T:5463](#) χαίρω **chairo** (khah'-ee-ro); a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy (-fully), rejoice.

Greatly – [NT:3029](#) λίαν **lian** (lee'-an); of uncertain affinity; much (adverbially):

KJV - exceeding, great (-ly), sore, very (+chiefest).

Rejoicing

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⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children **walking in truth**, as we have received a **commandment from the Father**.

Rejoiced – [T:5463](#) χαίρω **chairo** (khah'-ee-ro); a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy (-fully), rejoice.

Testified – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, ^xtruly, truth, verity.

Comforted

John 15

²⁶ But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the **Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Gracious

1 Peter 5

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, **exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace** of God wherein ye stand.

Walkest – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

KJV - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

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Prosper in His testimony (*cont*)

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³ For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

Happy

Walk uprightly

Psalm 15

² He that **walketh uprightly**, and **worketh righteousness**, and **speaketh the truth** in his heart.

Walketh – [OT:1980](#) **הלך** **halak** (haw-lak'); akin to [OT:3212](#); a primitive root; to walk (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively):

KJV - (all) along, apace, behave (self), come, (on) continually, be conversant, depart, + be eased, enter, exercise (self), + follow, forth, forward, get, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), + greater, grow, be wont to haunt, lead, march, * more and more, move (self), needs, on, pass (away), be at the point, quite, run (along), + send, speedily, spread, still, surely, + tale-bearer, + travel (-ler), walk (abroad, on, to and fro, up and down, to places), wander, wax, [way-] faring man, * be weak, whirl.

Uprightly – [OT:3190](#) **יָטַב** **yatab** (yaw-tab'); a primitive root; to be (causative) make well, literally (sound, beautiful) or figuratively (happy, successful, right):

KJV - be accepted, amend, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, + be content, diligent (-ly), dress, earnestly, find favour, give, be glad, do (be, make) good ([ness]), be (make) merry, please (+well), shew more [kindness], skilfully, * very small, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well [said, seen].

Work righteousness

Worketh – [OT:6466](#) **פָּעַל** **pa'al** (paw-al'); a primitive root; to do or make (systematically and habitually), especially to practise:

KJV - commit, [evil-] do (-er), make (-r), ordain, work (-er).

Righteousness – [OT:6664](#) **צְדָקָה** **tsedeq** (tseh'-dek); from [OT:6663](#); the right (natural, moral or legal); also (abstractly) equity or (figuratively) prosperity:

KJV - * even, (X that which is altogether) just (-ice), ([un-]) right (-eous) (cause, -ly, -ness).

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Prosper in His testimony (*cont*)

Happy (*cont*)

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³For I **rejoiced greatly**, when the brethren came and **testified of the truth** that is in thee, even as thou **walkest in the truth**.

Speak Truth

Speaketh – [OT:1696](#) דָּבַר **dabar** (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:

KJV - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, ^xwell, ^xwork.

Truth – [OT:571](#) אֱמֶת **'emeth** (eh'-meth); contracted from [OT:539](#); stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness:

KJV - assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.

Worthy

Ephesians 4

¹ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called**,

1 John 2

²⁷ But the anointing which ye have received of him **abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the **same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and **is truth**, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall **abide in Him**.

Leviticus 18

⁴ Ye shall **do my judgments**, and **keep mine ordinances**, to **walk therein**: I am the LORD your God.

Matthew 10

¹³ And if the **house be worthy**, let your peace come upon it: but if it be **not worthy**, let your peace return to you.

Matthew 10

³⁸ And he that **taketh not his cross**, and followeth after me, is **not worthy of me**.

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Prosper in His testimony (*cont*)

Worthy (*cont*)

2 Thessalonians 1

⁴ So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

⁵ Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

⁶ Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

Joyfully

3 John 1

⁴ I have **no greater joy** than to hear that my children **walk in truth**.

Greater – [NT:3186](#) μειζότερος **meizoteros** (mide-zot'-er-os); continued comparative of [NT:3187](#); still larger (figuratively): **KJV** - greater.

Joy – [NT:5479](#) χαρά **chara** (khar-ah'); from [NT:5463](#); cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight: **KJV** - gladness, ^x greatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

Hear – [NT:191](#) ἀκούω **akouo** (ak-oo'-o); a primary verb; to hear (in various senses): **KJV** - give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), ([shall]) hear (-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand.

Children – [NT:5043](#) τέκνον **teknon** (tek'-non); from the base of [NT:5088](#); a child (as produced): **KJV** - child, daughter, son.

Walk – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): **KJV** - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth: **KJV** - true, ^x truly, truth, verity.

Children of God

Colossians 2

⁶ As ye have therefore **received Christ** Jesus the Lord, so **walk [follow] ye in Him**:

Children of Light

Ephesians 5

⁸ For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are **ye light in the Lord: walk [follow] as children of Light**:

⁹ (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all **goodness and righteousness and truth**);

¹⁰ Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

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Prosper in Faithfulness

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⁵ Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Beloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved: **KJV** - (dearly, well) beloved, dear.

Faithfully – [NT:4103](#) πιστός **pistos** (pis-tos'); from [NT:3982](#); objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful: **KJV** - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

Speak to Prosper

Jeremiah 23

²⁸ The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and **he that hath my Word, let him speak my Word faithfully**. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

Work to Prosper

Proverbs 16

³ Commit thy works [actions] unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Works – [OT:4639](#) מַעֲשֵׂה **ma`aseh** (mah-as-eh'); from [OT:6213](#); an action (good or bad); generally, a transaction; abstractly, activity; by implication, a product (specifically, a poem) or (generally) property:

KJV - act, art, + bakemeat, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, thing made, ware of making, occupation, thing offered, operation, possession, *well, ([handy-, needle-, net-]) work (ing, -manship), wrought.

Thoughts – [OT:4284](#) מַחְשָׁבָה **machashabah** (makh-ash-aw-baw'); or **machashebeth** (makh-ash-eh'-beth); from [OT:2803](#); a contrivance [plans], i.e. (concretely) a texture, machine, or (abstractly) intention, plan (whether bad, a plot; or good, advice):

KJV - cunning (work), curious work, device (-sed), imagination, invented, means, purpose, thought.

Established – [OT:3559](#) כָּוַן **kuwn** (koon); a primitive root; properly, to be erect (i.e. stand perpendicular); hence (causatively) to set up, in a great variety of applications, whether literal (establish, fix, prepare, apply), or figurative (appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous):

KJV - certain (-ty), confirm, direct, faithfulness, fashion, fasten, firm, be fitted, be fixed, frame, be meet, ordain, order, perfect, (make) preparation, prepare (self), provide, make provision, (be, make) ready, right, set (aright, fast, forth), be stable, (e-) stablish, stand, tarry, *very deed.

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Prosper in Faithfulness (*cont*)

Walk to Prosper

2 Corinthians 5

⁷ (For we **walk [follow] by faith**, not by sight:)

Walk – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): **KJV** - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

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Prosper in Charity

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⁶ Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt **do well**:

Borne witness – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

Charity – [NT:26](#) ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from [NT:25](#); love, i.e. affection or benevolence [kindness, compassion, generosity, goodwill] ; specially (plural) a love-feast: **KJV** - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Church – [NT:1577](#) ἐκκλησία **ekklesia** (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of [NT:1537](#) and a derivative of [NT:2564](#); a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): **KJV** - assembly, church.

Bring forward on their journey – [NT:4311](#) προπέμπω **propempo** (prop-em'-po); from [NT:4253](#) and [NT:3992](#); to send forward, i.e. escort or aid in travel:

KJV - accompany, bring (forward) on journey (way), conduct forth.

After a godly sort – [NT:516](#) ἄξιως **axios** (ax-ee'-oce); adverb from [NT:514](#); appropriately: **KJV** - as becometh, after a godly sort, worthily (-thy).

...and from - [NT:3588](#) ὁ **ho** (ho); including the feminine **he** (hay); and the neuter **to** (to); in all their inflections; the def. article; the (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted, in English idiom): **KJV** - the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc..

...and from – [NT:2316](#) θεός **theos** (theh'-os); of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with [NT:3588](#)) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: **KJV** - ^xexceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

As Faith Grows

2 Thessalonians 1

3 We are **bound to thank God** always for you, brethren, as it is meet, **because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;**

As Compassion Prevails

1 Peter 5

¹⁴ Greet ye one another with a **kiss of charity**. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Psalm 2

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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Prosper in Charity (*cont*)

As unto the LORD

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⁷ Because that for His name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

Name's – [NT:3686](#) ὄνομα **onoma** (on'-om-ah); from a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:1097](#) (compare [NT:3685](#)); a "name" (literally or figuratively) [authority, character]: **KJV** - called, (+sur-) name (-d).

Went forth – [NT:1831](#) ἐξέρχομαι **exerchomai** (ex-er'-khom-ahee); from [NT:1537](#) and [NT:2064](#); to issue (literally or figuratively):

KJV - come (forth, out), depart (out of), escape, get out, go (abroad, away, forth, out, thence), proceed (forth), spread abroad.

For the Furtherance of the Gospel

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⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be **fellowhelpers to the truth**.

Ought – [NT:3784](#) ὀφείλω **opheilo** (of-i'-lo); or (in certain tenses) its prolonged form opheileo (of-i-leh'-o); probably from the base of [NT:3786](#) (through the idea of accruing); to owe (pecuniarily); figuratively, to be under obligation (ought, must, should); morally, to fail in duty:

KJV - behove, be bound, (be) debt (-or), (be) due (-ty), be guilty (indebted), (must) need (-s), ought, owe, should. See also [NT:3785](#).

Receive – [NT:5274](#) ὑπολαμβάνω **hupolambano** (hoop-ol-am-ban'-o); from [NT:5259](#) and [NT:2983](#); to take from below, i.e. carry upward; figuratively, to take up, i.e. continue a discourse or topic; mentally, to assume (presume):

KJV - answer, receive, suppose.

Might – [NT:1096](#) γίνομαι **ginomai** (ghin'-om-ahee); a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.):

KJV - arise, be assembled, be (-come, -fall, -haveself), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, * God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, * soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

Fellowhelpers – [NT:4904](#) συνεργός **sunergos** (soon-er-gos'); from a presumed compound of [NT:4862](#) and the base of [NT:2041](#); a co-laborer, i.e. coadjutor:

KJV - companion in labour, (fellow-) helper (-labourer, -worker), labourer together with, workfellow.

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, * truly, truth, verity.

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Prosper in Charity (*cont*)

For the Furtherance of the Gospel (*cont*)

Together

2 Corinthians 1

²⁴ **Not** for that we have **dominion** over your faith, but [we] are **helpers of your joy**: for **by faith ye stand**.

Philippians 4

³ And I intreat thee also, true **yokefellow**, help those women which **laboured with me in the gospel**, with Clement also, and with other my **fellowlabourers**, whose **names are in the book of life**.

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Prosper in Discernment

Those who do NOT receive us

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⁹ I wrote unto the church: but **Diotrephes**, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

Church – [NT:1577](#) ἐκκλησία **ekklesia** (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of [NT:1537](#) and a derivative of [NT:2564](#); a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): **KJV** - assembly, church.

Loveth to have the preeminence – [NT:5383](#) φιλοπρωτεύω **philoproteuo** (fil-op-rote-yoo'-o); from a compound of [NT:5384](#) and [NT:4413](#); to be fond of being first, i.e. ambitious of distinction: **KJV** - love to have the preeminence.

Receiveth – [NT:1926](#) ἐπιδέχομαι **epidechomai** (ep-ee-dekh'-om-ahee); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:1209](#); to admit (as a guest or [figuratively] teacher): **KJV** - receive.

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁹ For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that **a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.**

Colossians 1

¹⁷ And **He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.**

¹⁸ And He is the **head of the body**, the church: who is **the beginning**, the firstborn from the dead; that **in all things He might have the preeminence.**

¹⁹ For **it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell;**

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3 John

Prosper in Discernment (*cont*)

Those who do NOT receive us (*cont*)

3 John 1

¹⁰ Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

Come – [NT:2064](#) ἔρχομαι **erchomai** (er'-khom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb (used only in the present and imperfect tenses, the others being supplied by a kindred [middle voice] eleuthomai (el-yoo'-thom-ahee); or [active] eltho (el'-tho); which do not otherwise occur); to come or go (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively):

KJV - accompany, appear, bring, come, enter, fall out, go, grow, ^x light, ^x next, pass, resort, be set.

Remember – [NT:5279](#) ὑπομιμνήσκω **hupomimnesko** (hoop-om-im-nace'-ko); from [NT:5259](#) and [NT:3403](#); to remind quietly, i.e. suggest to the (middle voice one's own) memory: **KJV** - put in mind, remember, bring to (put in) remembrance.

Deeds – [NT:2041](#) ἔργον **ergon** (er'-gon); from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act:

KJV - deed, doing, labour, work.

Mischievous

Prating against – [NT:5396](#) φλυαρέω **phluareo** (floo-ar-eh'-o); from [NT:5397](#); to be a babbler or trifler, i.e. (by implication) to berate idly or mischievously:

KJV - prate against.

Malicious

Malicious – [NT:4190](#) πονηρός **poneros** (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of [NT:4192](#); hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, and thus differing from [NT:2556](#), which refers rather to essential character, as well as from [NT:4550](#), which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners:

KJV - bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also [NT:4191](#).

Words – [NT:3056](#) λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from [NT:3004](#); something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, ^x concerning, doctrine, fame, ^x have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, ⁺ reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, ^x speaker, speech, talk, thing, ⁺ none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

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Prosper in Discernment (*cont*)

Those who do NOT receive us (*cont*)

3 John 1 (*cont*)

¹⁰ Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

Unsatisfied

Content – [NT:714](#) ἀρκέω **arkeo** (ar-keh'-o); apparently a primary verb [but probably akin to [NT:142](#) through the idea of raising a barrier]; properly, to ward off, i.e. (by implication) to avail (figuratively, be satisfactory):

KJV - be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient.

Opposed

Forbiddeth – [NT:2967](#) κωλύω **koluo** (ko-loo'-o); from the base of [NT:2849](#); to estop, i.e. prevent (by word or act):

KJV - forbid, hinder, keep from, let, not suffer, withstand.

Would – [NT:1014](#) βούλομαι **boulomai** (boo'-lom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb.; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing:

KJV - be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing). Compare [NT:2309](#).

Rejecting

Casteth them out – [NT:1544](#) ἐκβάλλω **ekballo** (ek-bal'-lo); from [NT:1537](#) and [NT:906](#); to eject (literally or figuratively):

KJV - bring forth, cast (forth, out), drive (out), expel, leave, pluck (pull, take, thrust) out, put forth (out), send away (forth, out).

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Prosper in Discernment (*cont*)

Those who do NOT receive us (*cont*)

Follower of Evil

3 John 1

¹¹ Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Beloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:

KJV - (dearly, well) beloved, dear.

Follow – [NT:3401](#) μιμέομαι **mimeomai** (mim-eh'-om-ahee); middle voice from mimos (a "mimic"); to imitate: *KJV* - follow.

Evil – [NT:2556](#) κακός **kakos** (kak-os'); apparently a primary word; worthless (intrinsically, such; whereas [NT:4190](#) properly refers to effects), i.e. (subjectively) depraved, or (objectively) injurious: *KJV* - bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked.

Good – [NT:18](#) ἀγαθός **agathos** (ag-ath-os'); a primary word; "good" (in any sense, often as noun): *KJV* - benefit, good (-s, things), well. Compare [NT:2570](#).

Blind Leaders

Seen – [NT:3708](#) ὁράω **horao** (hor-ah'-o); properly, to stare at [compare [NT:3700](#)], i.e. (by implication) to discern clearly (physically or mentally); by extension, to attend to; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear:

KJV - behold, perceive, see, take heed.

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Prosper in Discernment (*cont*)

Those who DO receive us

Good Report

3 John 1 ...with 2 witnesses

¹² **Demetrius** hath **good report of all men**, and **of the truth** itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

Good report – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

In the Truth

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, ^x truly, truth, verity.

A Witness

Bear record – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

Record – [NT:3141](#) μαρτυρία **marturia** (mar-too-ree'-ah); from [NT:3144](#); evidence given (judicially or genitive case): **KJV** - record, report, testimony, witness.

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Prosper in Peace

In Person

3 John 1

¹³ I had **many things to write**, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

Communicate Face to Face

3 John 1

¹⁴ But **I trust [God]** I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak **face to face. Peace be to thee.** Our friends salute thee. **Greet the friends by name.**

In Peace

Philippians 4

⁷ And the **peace of God**, which **passeth all understanding**, shall **keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Colossians 3

¹⁵ And let the **peace of God** rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

In Friendship

Greet – [NT:782](#) ἀσπάζομαι **aspazomai** (as-pad'-zom-ahee); from [NT:1](#) (as a particle of union) and a presumed form of [NT:4685](#); to enfold in the arms, i.e. (by implication) to salute, (figuratively) to welcome: **KJV** - embrace, greet, salute, take leave.

What a great peace to be promised that we should be prosperous!

Glory to our LORD who made us Worthy to be Prosperous in Peace!

Amen and Amen

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