



"The Christian Life" Series, Message 7 – September 27, 2009 – Pastor Will Mackey

## Learning to Bless Others! (3 John)

1. Encourage someone by affirming your love and commitment to the person.

*<sup>1</sup>The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.*

2. Encourage someone by sharing a prayer you have for the person.

*<sup>2</sup>Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.*

3. Encourage someone by sharing some "good gossip" you have heard about the person.

*<sup>3</sup>It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. <sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

4. Encourage someone by highlighting his/her faithfulness, spiritual fruit, and influence on others.

*<sup>5</sup>Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. <sup>6</sup>They have told the church about your love...*

5. Encourage someone by scheduling some personal time together.

*<sup>13</sup>I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup>I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face...*