**One Hit Wonders** (graphic)

**3 John**

(3 John 1-4)

“The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. 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. It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your **faithfulness to the truth**, telling how you **continue** to walk in it. I have **no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth**.”

1. Your **faithfulness** will be the **forerunner** to your children’s **faithfulness**.

(Proverbs 22:6)

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will **not** turn from it.”

(3 John 5-8)

“Dear friend, you are **faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters**, even though they are **strangers** to you. They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. It was for the sake of the **Name** that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to **show hospitality** to such people so that we may work together for the truth.”

1. Take on a “**others first**” mentality

 If people **matter to God**, they better **matter to us too**.

(3 John 9-10)

“I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, **who loves to be first**, will not welcome us. So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even **refuses to welcome** other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and **puts them out** of the church.”

1. A “**me first**” mentality turns people away.

(3 John 11)

“Dear friend, **do not imitate what is evil but what is good**. Anyone who does what is good is from God.”

(Ephesians 5:1)

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children.”

 Be imitators of **God**.