



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

# Healing OF THE SOUL

PART SIX  
CONCLUSION

## *How Your Soul Prospers*

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things  
and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 John 2

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# Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

***Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.***



NOTHING MISSING, NOTHING BROKEN

## Series Topics on Podcast & YouTube:

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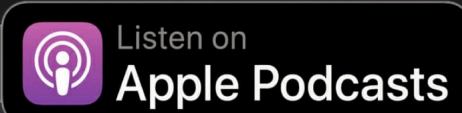
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## Today's Key text

### 3 John 2

**NKJV** *Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

**NIV** *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.*

**NLT** *Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.*



# **3 John 1-13**

## **New Living Translation**

### **(Refer to Handout)**



In this letter, The Apostle John is not writing specifically about the human soul.

The word ***soul*** can be understood as the expression of a quality of life.

NLT uses the phrase, *“Strong in spirit.”*

NLT, *“Even as your soul is getting along well.”*



# Bible dictionary definitions for “*prosper*,” εὐοδόω, Transliteration, euodoō

## **Prosper:**

- To grant a prosperous and expeditious journey, to lead by a direct and easier way
- To grant a successful issue, to cause to prosper
- To prosper, be successful



Paul used the word in Romans 1:10

*Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a **prosperous journey** by the will of God to come unto you.*



- How do you journey in your life?
- What help do you need as you journey through life?
- It has been said that life is not a destination, it is a journey.



# Insights on how your soul and life prosper from John's letter to Elder Gaius:

## 1. SERVE OTHERS

## 2. LIVE IN TRUTH - Living in truth and in the Truth

*"Some of the traveling teachers ["strangers"] recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the truth. 4 I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth."*



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3. **LOVE PEOPLE** - Loving people you don't know ("strangers" NKJV)

4. **PARTNER** - Partner with leaders and people who are serving God's purposes in union with others

*"So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth."*



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**5. RESIST SELF-SERVING PEOPLE** - Don't get caught up with people who are caught up with themselves.

*"I wrote to the church about this, but Diotrephes, who loves to be the leader, refuses to have anything to do with us. 10 When I come, I will report some of the things he is doing and the evil accusations he is making against us."*



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## 6. FOCUS ON THE GOOD

*"Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God. 12 Everyone speaks highly of Demetrius, as does the truth itself. We ourselves can say the same for him, and you know we speak the truth."*



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## 7. **VALUE RELATIONSHIPS** - Don't just send a text

*"I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to write it with pen and ink. For I hope to see you soon, and then we will talk face to face."*