



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 3 John 1:1-15

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for raising up leaders in the Church such as John the Apostle, Gaius the Elder, and Demetrius, who showed in Love, Truth, and Example how to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and lead in His Name. Please continue to grant us faithful leaders such as these even as You have always raised up faithful leaders in the Church in every generation. Please help us pray and serve according to the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and help us live faithful to the Truth that we find in Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. Please help us learn and understand more of the Truth in Christ Jesus as we read and study the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit who indwells us. Please help us walk in the Truth so we can show forth by word and example what it means for someone to love and follow Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. Please help us bring joy to You, to Jesus Christ, to the Holy Spirit and to our fellow believers in Jesus Christ by the way we live and speak according to the commandments and teachings of Jesus. Please help us give and share with others in a manner worthy of God, so those who receive from us might give You the glory and Your work might go forward as You intend. Please protect us from unbelievers and deceivers inside and outside the church who would mislead us and others. Help us recognize and avoid following those who live evil lives because they have not seen You. Please help wisely share what we can with them that they might repent of their sins and turn to Jesus in faith and love as their Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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