

How to Build Lasting Relationships

3 John 1-8

GAIUS TEACHES US THE VALUE OF _____.

We build relationships by *how we act*.

“walk of truth in love” (2-5)

We build relationships by *how we help*.

“work of truth in love” (5-7)

HOW TO BUILD OTHER PEOPLE UP BY OUR ACTIONS

1. Live a life of love.

“Dear friend, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers, especially when they are strangers.” (3 John 5, HCSB)

2. Spend time with them.

“since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. Therefore, we ought to support such men so that we can be coworkers with the truth.” (3 John 7–8, HCSB)

What I Do	Act out of love	(v.5-6)
What Others Say	See my love	(v.3,6)
What God Does	Rewards my love	(v.2-3)

WAYS WE CAN HONESTLY HELP OTHERS

1. Be truthful with others

“For I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth—how you are walking in the truth.” (3 John 3, HCSB)

2. Be faithful

“Dear friend, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers, especially when they are strangers.” (3 John 5, HCSB)

3. Be hospitable

“Dear friend, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers, especially when they are strangers.” (3 John 5, HCSB)

4. Be courageous

“They have testified to your love in front of the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans.” (3 John 6–7, HCSB)