

## My wish for all of you this year

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### Introduction

1. 3 John 2
2. This is a private letter from John to Gaius
3. There are three men mention in this short letter of fourteen verses:
  1. There is Diotrephes who wanted to run everything
  2. There is Demetrius who was very popular with the church
  3. There is Gaius who was commended for his hospitality
  4. The wish from John to Gaius is from heavens point of view.
4. There are four good things in life that for which we might wish.

### II Discussion

1. Good health
  1. Jesus had good health Luke 2:52 (stature, implied)
    1. He had to withstand the heaviest loads that mortal man has ever known and His body helped Him carry it as long as it did because of His physical condition, He was a carpenter
  2. Our bodies are to be living sacrifices Romans 12:1
  3. We are to glorify God in our bodies 1 Corinthians 6:20
  4. Paul had to control his physical body 1 Corinthians 9:27
  5. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost 1 Corinthians 19-20
  6. We take care of our cars, watches, and other possessions that are important to us, why not our bodies
2. Mental Growth
  1. Jesus also advanced in wisdom Luke 2:52
  2. Joseph had wisdom Acts 7:9-10
  3. Daniel and the three Hebrew youths were skilled in all wisdom Daniel 1:4
  4. Moses was a man of wisdom Acts 7:22
  5. The Apostles were trained by Christ for three years
  6. Paul was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel Acts 22:3
  7. We are to pray for wisdom James 1:5
  8. Knowledge comes through an application of the laws of learning. Wisdom is the manner we apply this knowledge to work out life's solution to the problems dealt to us.
  9. This leads us to our next wish
3. Spiritual growth
  1. What are we feeding our minds John 8:32
  2. We are told to study 2 Timothy 2:15; John 5:39; 2 Peter 3:18
  3. Example is Acts 17:11
  4. It must be the right kind of wisdom 1 Corinthians 1:18-32
  5. Look what comes from spiritual growth 2 Peter 1:3-11
4. Growth in the Esteem of men
  1. Jesus gained favor with men Luke 2:52
  2. For a man to have friends he must be friendly Proverbs 18:24
  3. No man lives alone Romans 14:7
  4. What do others see in us Matthew 5:14-16

### III Conclusion

1. These four wishes make a difference in a persons life
2. These wishes will help us draw nigh to God
3. We are to take time to be holy
4. Will you do that now!

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