

GIVE WHAT TO LOTTIE WHO?!

Sunday, December 15, 2024 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

3rd JOHN 5-8

English Standard Version (ESV)

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Lottie Moon 1840-1912
Baptist Missionary to China



SETTING & BACKGROUND of 3rd JOHN:

1. John a _____ of Jesus is the writer... also called 'the _____'.
2. This John also wrote the Gospel of John and _____.
3. The little letters of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John were likely sent _____.
 - 1st John was a _____ to churches in what is now western Turkey.
 - 2nd John was a _____ to a particular church.
 - 3rd John was _____ to a man name Gaius.
4. Apparently, Gaius was helping traveling _____ who were passing through their area of Asia (western Turkey).

OBSERVATIONS & APPLICATIONS from 3rd JOHN 5-8

1. Supporting missionaries is a _____ thing to do.
vs 5 & 8
 - A- we _____ for them.
 - B- we _____ for them.
 - C- we _____ for them.
2. Sometimes we _____, sometimes we _____.
vs 5b *strangers as they are*

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3. We should support missionaries _____.

vs. 6b *You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.*

Our generosity should be _____ (The _____ counts.)
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 "Not equal _____, but equal _____."

4. We should support missionaries because we _____.

vs 7a *For they have gone out for the sake of the Name,*

5. We should support missionaries because it's _____.

vs 7b *[they] accept nothing from the Gentiles.*

6. We should support missionaries so we may _____.

vs 8b *that we may be fellow workers for the truth.*

WHY LOTTIE MOON?? Her Extraordinary Life:

- Born in Virginia Dec. 12, 1840
- Rebelled against Christianity until she came to Christ in college Dec 1858
- One of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree
- Sailed to China in 1873 supported by Southern Baptist churches (**IMB** = *International Mission Board*)
- Spent 39 years teaching girls and women of Shantung, China about Christ
- Wrote thousands of letters campaigning for missions support for China
 - 'Please _____ for us.'
 - 'Please _____ so we can stay.'
 - 'Please _____ people to help us.'
- Died on a ship in Kobe, Japan _____ at age 73 (109 years ago)

WHY GIVE to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO)?

- Your gift supports _____ trained IMB missionaries serving overseas.
- Your gift sends IMB missionaries to 'the _____' with the Gospel.
- 100% of your gift to LMCO goes _____.
- Financial giving is an essential part of _____. Everyone is involved.
- This is an appropriate way to celebrate _____!

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