

If you have been a believer for a long time and someone comes along and asks you, “You have been a Christian for a very long time. You have seen much and done much with God by your side. You have prayed all kinds of prayers too. So what would you place as top priority when you pray for people?”

The apostle John would have replied, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” When the apostle John wrote 3 John, he was already a very old man and probably the only disciple of the original 12 who was still alive. It had been so long ago since he last walked alongside his beloved Lord, and witnessed His Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. The apostle John had also leaned on the Lord’s bosom on the night of the Last Supper. There on Jesus’ bosom, he must have felt the heartbeat of the Son of God - that loving and compassionate heartbeat which had caused Him to go about “doing good and healing all who were oppressed by Satan”. (Acts 10:38) In fact, two-thirds of Jesus’ ministry on Earth had to do with healing the sick.

Now, nearing the end of his life, and after all he had heard, seen and experienced, the apostle John prioritized, above all things, health as well as holistic prosperity. He knew that the Lord wants, and will always want, these for His people. Jesus had prioritized divine healing during His Earthly ministry, He who is “the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8), will do the same for you today. His heart still beats for you, and always will. He will never miss an opportunity to do good to you, to heal you of your broken body, emotional scars and weary soul and spirit, and to bless you!

3 John 1:2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”