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**Seeing the Elder’s Heart:**

1. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature.

(Verse 1)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wishes.

(Verse 2)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soul.

(Verses 3-4)

**THE POINT 🡪** When your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ match your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it’s a cause for great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Understanding What Our Actions Reveal:**

1. Our actions reveal if we have an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belief or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith.
2. Our actions reveal our hearts’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Our actions reveal our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

**THE NEED 🡪** Ask God to help you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more and more.



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**Seeing the Elder’s Heart:**

1. His **LOVING** nature.

(Verse 1)

1. His **PRAYERFUL** wishes.

(Verse 2)

1. His **JOYFUL** soul.

(Verses 3-4)

**THE POINT 🡪** When your **ACTIONS** match your **FAITH**, it’s a cause for great **JOY**.

**Understanding What Our Actions Reveal:**

1. Our actions reveal if we have an **INTELLECTUAL** belief or a **GENUINE** faith.
2. Our actions reveal our hearts’ **MOTIVES**.
3. Our actions reveal our **APPRECIATION** of Jesus.

**THE NEED 🡪** Ask God to help you **APPRECIATE JESUS** more and more.

**For Further Study**

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**Getting Started**

1. Think of a time when one of your children did something that caused you to have great joy.

* What did your child do?
* Why did you get so much joy out of it?

**Digging Deeper**

1. In verse 4 of Sunday’s text, the elder wrote, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

* What does it mean that Gaius was “walking in the truth”?
* Read verses 5-8. What, specifically, did Gaius do that indicated he was “walking in the truth”?
* Can you think of other examples of the Christian walk that would show if a follower of Christ was living according to their faith?

1. What do the following passages further teach you about “walking in the truth”?

* Luke 10:25-37
* Galatians 5:22-25
* James 2:14-18
* 1 Peter 2:11-12

**Driving It Home**

1. On Sunday, we saw the importance of our actions matching what we believe about Jesus. What advice would you give a fellow Christian who tells you they’ve been struggling to walk like Jesus?
2. What is one way you want to walk more like Jesus this week? Take some time in prayer asking God to help you do this.