

THIRD JOHN OVERVIEW

1. GAIUS - The Man Who Gave Hospitality

3 JOHN 1:1-8

¹The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth: ²Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. ³For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. ⁵Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, ⁶who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, ⁷because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth. (3 John 1:1-8)

Why Give Hospitality:

1. They are our brothers, and we honor them because they go out for the sake of the name (v.7)
2. They don't have any other means of support. If we don't support them, who will? (v.6-7)
3. Not all of us can go, but all of us can give something (v.8)

2. DIOTREPES - The Man Who Refused Hospitality

3 JOHN 1:9-10

⁹I wrote to the church, but Diotrepes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. ¹⁰Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church. (3 John 1:9-10)

4 Indictments:

1. Unjustly Accusing the Faithful with "malicious words" (v.10)
2. Does Not Receive The Brethren (v.10)
3. Forbids The Faithful to Not Receive Other Faithful (v.10)
4. Puts The Faithful Out of The Church (v.10)

• *Arrogance produces Ambition > Accusations > Destruction*

3. DEMETRIUS - The Man Who Was to Receive Hospitality

3 JOHN 1:11-14

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God. ¹²Demetrius has a good testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true. ¹³I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; ¹⁴but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name. (3 John 1:11-14)

Witnesses to Demetrius' Character:

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| 1. EVERYONE will testify to his character and faithfulness | — What does everybody say about him? |
| 2. The TRUTH will testify to his character and faithfulness | — How does his life match up with Scripture? |
| 3. The APOSTLE is testifying to his character and faithfulness | — What do Christian leaders say about him? |