

The Third Letter from John

3 John

Introduction

1 From the Elder.

To Gaius, my friend whom I truly love.

2 My dear friend, I pray that everything you do will be successful and that you will be as healthy as you have been. **3** I was very happy when some of the brothers came and told me how faithful you are and how well you are following the truth.

4 Nothing makes me happier than to learn that my children are following the truth.

5 My dear friend, you have been very faithful in doing everything you have done for your brothers and sisters—and you don't even know them! **6** The brothers who came here told the whole church about the love you have shown. So it would be good if you could help them now in a way that is pleasing to God. **7** They went on their trip to serve God, without taking any money from people who are not followers. **8** That is why we ought to welcome people like this in order to share in the work for the truth. **9** I tried to write

to the church for help, but Diotrophes, who loves to take charge there, wouldn't accept my request.

10 So, when I come, I will remind them of what he is doing. He lies and says bad things about us. But that is not all! He refuses to welcome and help the followers who travel there—and he stops anyone else from helping them too! And anyone who does help, he forces to leave the church.

11 My dear friend, don't do bad things like that. Do good. If someone does good, then they are from God. If they do evil, then they do not know God.

12 Everyone has said good things about Demetrius, and they are telling the truth. We will testify to the same thing about Demetrius, and you know we speak the truth.

13 I have many other things to tell you, but I don't want to write them to you with pen and ink. **14** I hope to come to you soon and see you in person.

15 Peace be with you.

Our friends greet you in peace. They want to greet all of our friends there by name.



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