

Supporting God's Ministers 3 John

Intro: John writes this little letter *to commend Gaius* for his gracious provision for travelling ministers (vv. 2-8); *to condemn Diotrephes* for his prideful preeminence and refusal to provide hospitality to travelling ministers (vv. 9-11); and *to recommend Demetrius* to Gaius, as an itinerant minister worthy of receiving his and his churches hospitality (v. 12).

I. Gaius the Gracious Christian Layman 1-8

- A. John's greeting (v. 1)
 - 1. The author:
 - 2. The recipient:
- B. John's prayer for Gaius' health (v. 2)
- C. John's joy over Gaius' spiritual walk (vv. 3-4)
- D. John's commendation of Gaius for his gracious treatment of itinerant ministers (vv. 5-8)
 - 1. The recognition of Gaius' hospitable provision (vv. 5-6)
 - 2. The reason for Gaius' hospitable provision (vv. 7-8)



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II. Diotrephes the Tyrannical Christian Leader 9-11

- A. His carnal character (v. 9a)
- B. His coming confrontation (v. 10a) John promises to personally deal with Diotrephes.
- C. His carnal conduct (v. 10b)

D. John's command for believers to mimic Christ-likeness (v. 11)

III. Demetrius the Faithful Christian Missionary 12

- A. Demetrius was "spoken well of by all" (v. 12a)
- B. Demetrius was "supported by the truth" (v. 12b)
- C. Demetrius was "spoken well of by the apostles" (v. 12c)

V. Conclusion and Benediction 13-14