

3 John

- Written to a MAN... (Gaius)
- Jesus is revealed as
 - The Life (in 1 John)
 - The Truth (in 2 John)
 - The Way (in 3 John)

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- Prosperity of **Gaius** (1-8)

Exhorter

- Pride of **Diotrephes** (9-11)

Egotist

- Praise of **Demetrius** (12)

Example

- **Conclusion** (13-14)

Persons mentioned

Gauis was an **Exhorter** who was

Faithful to the truth and

Continued to walk in the truth (v3)

Faithful in what he was doing for the brothers (v5)

Full of God's love (v6)

Diotrephes on the other hand was an **Egotist** who

Loved to be first (v9)

Wanted nothing to do with a true lover of God like John (v9)

Gossiped maliciously about a man of God (v10)

Refused to welcome true brothers (missionaries) in Christ (v10)

Had an evil character (v11)

Demetrius the **Example** was highly esteemed by
"everyone"...(v12)

The Lord wants me to...

- 1 Walk in the Truth (v1-4) and
- 2 Work for the Truth (v5-8) like Gaius (the Exhorter)
- 3 Welcome the Truth (v9-10) and not reject it like Diotrephes (the Egotist)
- 4 Witness for the Truth (v11-14) like Demetrius (the Example)

Compared...

2 John

3 John

Hospitality—Truth and Love

To a lady

To a man

Danger—too much love

Danger—too much truth

Attitude:

Attitude:

too soft-hearted

too hard-hearted

Door open too wide

Door shut too tightly

Welcome wrong people!

Refuse right people!

Neglect TRUTH

Neglect LOVE

Wrong belief

Wrong behavior

NEED... ..BOTH

Love and truth Truth and love

in woman... in man...