

3 John 5-12

I. Being a good leader and avoiding bad leadership (5-11)

A. Good and bad leaders (5-10)

1. Good leaders (5-8)

a Gaius' Hospitality - You are a good leader, supporting the brothers (5-6a)

1) You are faithfully helping the travelling brothers (5)

a) Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing (5a)

b) In what you are doing, even for strangers (5b-c)

(1) In the thing which you are doing for the brothers (5b)

(2) And this for strangers (5c)

2) Result: These testified about your love before the church (6a)

b The traveling brothers are good leaders, worthy of support (6b-8)

1) Helping them is a good thing (6b-7)

a) You did well to support them on their way (6b-c)

(1) You did these things well (6b)

(2) By sending them on in a way worthy of God (6c)

b) Reason: They went out for Christ without any support from Gentiles (7)

(1) For they went out for the sake of the Name (7a)

(2) Receiving nothing from the Gentiles (7b)

2) Therefore: We should receive them to partner in the truth (8)

a) Therefore, we ought to receive such as these (8a)

b) Purpose: so that we will be fellow workers in the truth (8b)

2. Diotrephes is not a good leader (9-10)

a I tried to help the church, but Diotrephes opposed me (9)

1) I wrote something to the church (9a)

2) But Diotrephes, the one loving to be first, did not receive us (9b)

Loves to be first – control freak

Tragic description

It is horrible in a church, especially in a leader

Rather follow Jesus' example and wash feet

b Therefore: I will deal with him (10)

1) If I come (10a)

2) Then: I will call him out and expose his deeds (10b-h)

a) Because of this, I will draw attention to his works (10b)

b) Explanation: How he is working against us and the travelling brothers (10c-h)

(1) The things which he is doing (10c)

(2) Specifically: He works against us and the traveling brothers (10d-h)

(a) Talking malicious nonsense about us with evil words (10d)

(b) And he works against the brothers (10e-h)

- (i) And not being content with this (10e)
- (ii) Result: He keeps the brothers from being received (10f-h)
 - ((a)) Neg: Neither does this one receive the brothers (10f)
 - ((b)) Pos: He stops others from doing so (10g-h)
 - ((1)) He is preventing those who want [to receive the brothers] (10g)
 - ((2)) And he throws them out from the church (10h)
 - Classic selfish control freak
 - Hindering others to make themselves important

- B. Therefore: Imitate the good, not bad (11)
 - 1. Don't imitate the bad, but the good (11a-b)
 - a Neg: Brothers, do not imitate the bad (11a)
 - b Pos: But [imitate] the good (11b)
 - 2. Doing good is from God, doing bad is not from God (11c-d)
 - a Pos: The one doing good is from God (11c)
 - b Neg: The one doing bad has not seen God (11d)

II. Demetrius is a verified/validated leader (12)

- A. It has been testified about Demetrius by all, and by the truth itself/Himself (12a)
- B. We also are giving true testimony (12b-d)
 - 1. We also are testifying (12b)
 - 2. Therefore: You know our testimony is true (12c-d)
 - a And you know: (12c)
 - b That our testimony is true (12d)