

3 John

I. Gaius' Faithfulness 1-8

- a. Greeting - 1
- b. Stronger spiritually than physically or materially - 2
- c. Joy in hearing of truth - 3,4
- d. Sharing in the work through hospitality - 5-8

II. Diotrephes' Attitude 9-11

- a. Loves first place - 9
- b. Does not receive authority - 9
- c. Speaks against authority - 10
- d. Does not receive the brothers - 10
- e. Forbids others to receive the brothers - 10
- f. Expels hospitable ones out of the church - 10
- g. Has not seen God - 11

III. Demetrius' Good Report - 12

- a. From all
- b. From the truth
- c. From the Elder and his friends

IV. Closing and Farewell - 13-14

Similarities in Second and Third John

2 John 1	3 John 1
2 John 4	3 John 3, 4
2 John 5,6	3 John 6
2 John 12,13	3 John 13, 14

Contrasts in Second and Third John

2 John 2,4	3 John 2
2 John 7-11	3 John 5-8

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	Encouragement of Gaius	Confrontation of Diotrephes	Affirmation of Demetrius	Conclusion
	<u>Sickly (?)</u> <u>Obedient</u> <u>Hospitable</u> <u>Loving</u> <u>Supportive</u>	<u>Proud</u> <u>Rigid and negative</u> <u>Accusing</u> <u>"Church boss" complex</u>	<u>Good testimony</u> <u>Community</u> <u>Scriptures</u> <u>John</u>	<u>Letter is abbreviated</u> <u>John hopes to visit</u> <u>Shalom!</u>
	VERSES 1-8	VERSES 9-11	VERSE 12	VERSES 13-14
Tone	Confirming	Denunciating	Endorsing	
Relationships	To the truth of God	With other Christians	In the world	
Emphasis	Keep it up!	Stop it!	Good for you!	
Paraphrase	<i>"I love you, and I pray for you" (vv. 1-2)</i>	<i>"I call attention to your deeds" (v. 10)</i>	<i>"I hear good things about him" (v. 12)</i>	
Main Theme	Holding to the truth with a loving attitude			
Key Verse	"Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God." (v. 11)			