



3 John

Continue in the Truth

3 John 12-14

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Introduction:

The Apostle John has been encouraging the Gaius. He was a godly, sacrificial, generous believer. He was hospitable and opened up his heart and his home to strangers and those within his church family. However, his love and hospitality needed to be governed by truth so as to be a fellow helper to the truth. Having warned Gaius of Diotrophes, John encourages him to confidently receive Demetrius and to continue in living out the truth in his hospitality.

1. A _____ Opportunity (12)

3 John 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

A. Demetrius should be _____ (12)

Contrast with Diotrophes

3 John 12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

Only time Demetrius is mentioned in Scripture.

B. Demetrius can be _____ (12)

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A THREE FOLD RECOMMENDATION

Testimony of other Believers

“Demetrius hath good report of all men...”

DEFINITION—GOOD REPORT: to be approvingly testified of; to be or become affirmed favorably by firsthand authentication.

Alignment with Truth

“...and of the truth itself:”

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Personal Recommendation

“...yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.”

2. A _____ Apostle (13-14a)

A. A _____ Burden (13a)

3 John 13 I had many things to write...

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

2 Corinthians 11:28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

B. A _____ Delivery (13b-14a)

3 John 13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: 14 but I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face.

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

3. An Attentive _____ (14)

A. A Prayerful _____ (14b)

3 John 14 Peace be to thee.

DEFINITION—PEACE: blessing of peace; a state of peace that is a blessing or favor from God.

PEACE IS THE GIFT OF GOD.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

PEACE IS THE RESULT OF TRUSTING THE WORD OF GOD OVER ALL ELSE.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on thee: Because he trusteth in thee.

PEACE IS THE FRUIT THAT GROWS IN A LIFE THAT IS SUBMITTED TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

B. A Mutual _____ (14c)

3 John 14 ... Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

DEFINITION—SALUTE: greet (blessing)

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

Conclusion

Questions to Consider:

Can you think of some ways in which Diotrophes and Demetrius are different?

It what ways are you like Demetrius?

Will you regularly pray for God's peace to be experienced in the lives of other believers?

