

THIRD JOHN

¹The elder *to* the beloved Gaius, whom **I** love in truth.

May You Prosper In All Things, Just As Your Soul Is Prospering Because You Walk In The Truth

²Beloved, I pray *that* with respect to all *things* you *may* prosper and be healthy, just as your soul is prospering. ³For I rejoiced greatly while brothers *were* coming and testifying *concerning* your truth— how **you** are walking in *the* truth. ⁴I have no joy greater *than* these *things*: that I may be hearing-*of* my children walking in the truth.

Beloved, Support Fellow Workers For The Truth

⁵Beloved, you are doing *a* faithful *thing*— whatever you may accomplish— for the brothers (and this, *for* strangers!) ⁶who testified *concerning* your love before *the* church, *as to* whom you will do well having sent-*them*-forward worthily *of* God. ⁷For they went out for the Name, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore **we** ought to be supporting such *ones*, in order that we may be fellow-workers *for* the truth.

Diotrephes Is Not Accepting Us. Beloved, Imitate The One Doing Good

⁹I wrote something *to* the church, but Diotrephes, the *one* loving-to-be-first *among* them, is not accepting us. ¹⁰For this reason, if I come I will call-to-mind his deeds which he is doing— talking-nonsense-about us *with* malicious words. And not being content with these *things*, neither is he himself accepting the brothers. And he is forbidding and putting-out of the church the *ones* wanting *to do so*. ¹¹Beloved, do not be imitating the evil, but the good. The *one* doing-good is from God. The *one* doing-evil has not seen God.

Demetrius Is Attested By Everyone

¹²*With regard to* Demetrius, he has been attested by everyone, and by the truth itself. And **we** also are testifying, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I had many *things* to write *to* you, but I do not wish to write *to* you with ink and pen. ¹⁴But I hope to see you at-once, and we will speak mouth to mouth. Peace *to* you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.