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Three Men of Third John – 3 John

3 John 1:1-12

1. **Gaius: A Man Whom John Would Have** _____

(vs 1-2)

Why Gaius' soul prospered:

A. He had a _____ (vs 3)

B. He walked _____ (vs 4)

C. His genuine faith showed in _____

(vs 5-6, Colossians 3:23, vs 7-8)

2. **Diotrephes: A Man Who** _____

(vs 3, John 3:30, Philippians 2:3)

Diotrephes' character:

A. He always wanted to _____ (vs 9)

B. He would not _____

C. He was _____ (vs 10)

D. He was _____ (vs 10, 11)

3. **Demetrius: A Man** _____ (vs 12)

4. **Lessons:**

A. Christians are not always _____

B. Christians will _____

1 Cor. 4:16 "Therefore I urge you, imitate me"

1 Cor. 11:1 "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ"

3 John 1:1-12 "The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:
²Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just
as your soul prospers. ³For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and
testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. ⁴I have no
greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

⁵ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for
strangers, ⁶who have borne witness of your love before the
church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of
God, you will do well, ⁷because they went forth for His name's
sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸We therefore ought
to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the
preeminence among them, does not receive us. ¹⁰Therefore, if I come, I
will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with
malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive
the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the
church. ¹¹Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who
does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.
¹²Demetrius has a good testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And
we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true."