



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."

約翰三書 1:1 作長老的寫信給親愛的該猶，就是我誠心所愛的。**1:2** 親愛的兄弟啊，我願你凡事興盛，身體健壯，正如你的靈魂興盛一樣。**1:3** 有弟兄來證明你心裡存的真理，正如你按真理而行，我就甚喜樂。**1:4** 我聽見我的兒女們按真理而行，我的喜樂就沒有比這個大的。

1:5 親愛的兄弟啊，凡你向作客旅之弟兄所行的都是忠心的。**1:6** 他們在教會面前證明了你的愛；你若配得過神，幫助他們往前行，這就好了。**1:7** 因他們是為主的名（原文作那名）出外，對於外邦人一無所取。**1:8** 所以我們應該接待這樣的人，叫我們與他們一同為真理做工。

1:9 我曾略略的寫信給教會，但那在教會中好為首的丟特腓不接待我們。**1:10** 所以我若去，必要提說他所行的事，就是他用惡言妄論我們。還不以此為足，他自己不接待弟兄，有人願意接待，他也禁止，並且將接待弟兄的人趕出教會。**1:11** 親愛的兄弟啊，不要效法惡，只要效法善。行善的屬乎神；行惡的未曾見過神。**1:12** 低米丟行善，有眾人給他作見證，又有真理給他作見證；就是我們也給他作見證。你也知道我們的見證是真的。

1. Gaius: A Man Whom John Would Have PROSPER 該猶 – 一个约翰願他凡事興盛的人
Why Gaius' soul prospered: 为什么該猶 的靈魂興盛:

- A. He had a GREAT REPUTATION (vs 3) 他 有很高的名望 (第三节)
- B. He walked IN THE TRUTH (vs 4) 他 行在真理中 (第四节)
- C. His genuine faith showed in GENUINE WORKS 他的诚实工作表明了他的真信仰 (第 5-8 节)
歌罗西书 3:23 無論做什麼，都要從心裡做，像是給主做的，不是給人做的。

2. Diotrephes: A Man Who LOVES THE PREEMINENCE 丟特腓 一个喜欢出头的人
约翰福音 3:30 他必興旺，我必衰微。
腓立比书 2:3 凡事不可結黨，不可貪圖虛浮的榮耀；只要存心謙卑，各人看別人比自己強。

Diotrephes' character: 丟特腓的性格:

- A. He always wanted to BE FIRST (vs 9) 他好為首 (第九节)
- B. He would not SUBMIT 他不順服
- C. He was SLANDEROUS (vs 10) 他誹謗中傷 (第十节)
- D. He was VINDICTIVE (vs 10, 11) 他 懷恨報復 (第十, 十一节)

3. Demetrius: A Man TO FOLLOW (vs 12) 低米丟: 一个要效法的人 (第十二节)

4. Lessons: 学到的功课:

- A. Christians are not always WHAT THEY SHOULD BE
基督徒不总是他们应该的样子
- B. Christians will IMITATE OTHER CHRISTIANS
基督徒 要效法其他的基督徒

1 Cor. 4:16 "Therefore I urge you, imitate me"
哥林多前书 4:16 所以，我求你們效法我。

1 Cor. 11:1 "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ"
哥林多前书 11:1 你們該效法我，像我效法基督一樣。