

Series "Following After God"
"The Christ Centered Life"
3 John 1:9-14
Study-21

Matt 6:33

3 John 1:9

John 3:30

1. Verses 9-11 – The Dictator:

2. Verses 12-14 – The Dependable:

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3 John 1:9

1. John writes to assure Gaius of his love and prayers (vv. 1-2)
2. John writes to commend Gaius for walking in the truth (vv. 3-4)
3. John writes to commend Gaius for his hospitality (vv. 5-8)

Diotrephes, the name is derived from Zeus the supreme deity of the Greeks - (among the Latin's Jupiter or Jove); name meant "to nourish," and means "Jove-nursed" Or "a father of helps"

3 John 1:10

The 5 Errors of a Spiritual Dictator:

1. Verse 9 – He Was Filled With Self: who loves to be first among them,

The Greek verb indicates that "it was the constant attitude of Diotrephes to promote himself."

This is the first and greatest of sins: Isa 14:14

Gen 3:5

Phil 2:2-5

Luke 22:24-26

2. Verse 9 – Rejected John's Message: does not accept what we say.

3. Verse 10 – He Promoted Evil Gossip: unjustly accusing us with wicked words;

Titus 3:10-11

The root meaning is used of “water boiling up and throwing off bubbles”; Bubbles being useless and empty; the verb eventually came to mean indulgence in empty or useless talk.

4. Verse 10 – He Was Anti-Hospitality: 10 does he himself receive the brethren, and he forbids those who desire to do so,

and puts them out of the church. This could mean “excommunication, or physically evicting them”

Church Discipline is Biblical:

Matt 18:15-17

1 Cor 5:4-5

Romans 16:17

Titus 3:10-11

5. Verse 11 – He Was A Bad Example, Not To Be Followed: Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.

1 Cor 11:1

Phil 3:17

2 Thess. 3:7

1 John 4:20

2. Verses 12-14 – The Dependable:

3 John 1:12

Demetrius – means, “belonging to corn”

3 John 1:11

Verse 12 – He Had A Good Testimony: has received a good testimony from everyone,

Luke 6:26

Note the combination of a good testimony from people and from the truth itself:

John 14:6 - Jesus Christ is "the truth"

John 17:17 - God's Word is "truth" God has revealed truth in the person of His Son and in the pages of His Word.

Jesus has given us "the Spirit of Truth" to teach us and to enable us to know truth (John 14:16-17; 16:13)

Verses 13-14 – He Was Preparing The Way For John's Coming:

3 John 1:14

James 4:13-16

and we shall speak face to face. Literally "mouth to mouth" we would say, "Eyeball to eyeball" Face to face encounter.

Application:

1. What Witness Do I Leave Of Jesus Christ? (Dictator or Dependable)
2. Do I see myself as a Minister/Servant of Jesus Christ? (Debtor Verses Creditor)
3. Is my Life Characterized by a good testimony from people and the Truth of God? (People and Truth)
4. Am I a Godly Friend?