

### **3 John 1.**

Read the chapter. I want to talk about Diotrephes first because as a majority of church leadership, this is the norm. Have my Diotrephes we have encountered not having any hospitality, or love for the brethren, nor care. These love preeminence and lord it over everyone. Like John says *prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and forbids them that would, and casts them out of the church.*

Many, many times when we have arrived at a city or town where Jesus sent us that we are invited to come to a church when the pastors get into fear of the Presence of the Lord with us and they attack and cast us out of the church. What they do not realize is that they actually throw out the One that sent us because we are Ambassadors of the King of Glory and what they do to the Ambassadors they do to the King.

Whether we were cast out in foreign lands or in Canada, it does not matter; many who want preeminence do not realize they work in the flesh. That's why John said *Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does...*

John's well-beloved friend Gaius, on the other hand, is blessed *Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.* His good works are following him back to John that Gaius is full of truth and is hospitable to brethren and to strangers; (I'm reminded of a man that brought to our house a dozen or so people from Korea. I had just finished putting cow manure on the garden. I reamed the man up and down and the poor Koreans were wondering what in the world was going on. I repented and served them tea but how I failed the Lord.) Gaius on the other hand was full of charity before the church (whether from Korea or complete strangers) Gaius went in the Name of Jesus demanding nothing of the gentiles. Praise the Lord.

Demetrius had a good report of all men (and John also bear witness of the good report about Demetrius) , and of the truth itself... Although very little is said here about Demetrius, it's good to have a good report and not an evil report.