John's Third Letter

1 The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in
truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all
things and be healthy, even as your soul prospers.
3 For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and
testified about your truth, even as you walk in
truth. 4 I have no greater joy than this: to hear
about my children walking in truth.
5 Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatever
you accomplish for those who are brothers and
strangers. 6 They have testified about your love
before the assembly. You will do well to send
them forward on their journey in a way worthy
of God, 7 because for the sake of the Name they
went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles. 8 We
therefore ought to receive such, that we may be
fellow workers for the truth.
9 I wrote to the assembly, but Diotrephes, who
loves to be first among them, doesn't accept what
we say. 10 Therefore, if I come, I will call attention
to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us
with wicked words. Not content with this, he
doesn't receive the brothers himself, and those
who would, he forbids and throws out of the
assembly.
11 Beloved, don't imitate that which is evil, but
that which is good. He who does good is of God.
He who does evil hasn't seen God. 12 Demetrius
has the testimony of all, and of the truth itself; yes,

we also testify, and you know that our testimony
is true.
13 I had many things to write to you, but I am
unwilling to write to you with ink and pen; 14 but
I hope to see you soon. Then we will speak face to
face.

Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the
friends by name.

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