3 John

1 The elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love
in truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all
things and be in good health, just as your soul
prospers.
3 For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came
and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, as
indeed you walk in truth.
4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children are walking in the truth.
5 Beloved, you act faithfully in whatever you
do for the brothers, even though they are
strangers,
6 who have testified to your love before the
church. You will do well to help them on their
journey in a manner worthy of God,
7 for they went out for the sake of the Name,
accepting nothing from the Gentiles.
8 Therefore we ought to support such people,
so that we may become fellow workers for the
truth.
9 I wrote something to the church, but
Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them,
does not welcome us.
10 For this reason, if I come, I will call
attention to what he is doing: he speaks against
us with malicious words. Not content with that,
he does not welcome the brothers himself, and
he stops those who want to receive them and
expels those people from the church.

11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but good.
Whoever does good is from God; whoever does
evil has not seen God.
12 Demetrius has been commended by
everyone, and by the truth itself. We also testify,
and you know that our testimony is true.
13 I had many things to write to you, but I do
not want to write to you with ink and pen.
14 But I hope to see you soon, and we will
speak face to face.
15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you.
Greet the friends by name.

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