



Will You Hold the Rope?

3 John 5-8

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OPENING THOUGHTS – Two mountains with a swamp in the middle

Gaius – The **PROSPEROUS** Christian
vs. 1-8

Demetrius – The **PLEASANT**
Christian vs. 11-12



Diotrephes – The **PROUD** Christian
vs. 9-10

Gaius – The _____ holder

LESSON – Will You Hold the Rope? (3 John 5-8)

I. THE PASSAGE – His Reputation (vs. 5-7)

Gaius has a reputation of being _____. vs. 5,8

*“You are acting **faithfully** in whatever you **accomplish** for the **brethren**, especially when they are **strangers** Therefore, we ought to support **such men**, ”*

The Point — Gaius is more faithful at taking care of _____, than in taking care of the conveniences and the comfortableness of his _____ life.

Gaius has a reputation for being _____ v. 6,7

*“And they have **testified** to your **love** before the Church. You **will do well** to send them on their way in a manner **worthy of God**. For they went out for the **sake of the Name**, accepting **nothing** from the Gentiles.”*

The Point — Gaius treated others like he would treat _____.

1. We treat them this way because of the _____ they serve.
2. We treat them this way because of the life they _____.

II. HIS PRACTICE — Our Reputation? (v. 8)

*“Therefore **we ought to support** such men so that we may be **fellow workers with the truth**.”*

How Can You Be a Rope Holder?

First, take _____.

Second, see it as an _____.

Applications for this week:

1. Think:
2. Pray:
3. Do: