



Diotrephes: The Man Who Destroyed A Church

3 John 9-11

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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

These 3 men lead us to apply v. 11 to our lives

2 are models (Gaius & Demetrius) *to* imitate/follow as they _____ unity and partnership in the truth.

1 is a model (Diotrephes) to *not* imitate/follow as he _____ unity and partnership in the truth.

LESSON – Diotrephes: The Man Who Destroyed A Church (3 John 9-11)

I. THE LOST LETTER (v. 9a)

“I wrote something to the Church; but Diotrephes, ...”

II. THE LOST LEADER (vs. 9b-10)

5 characteristics of the Diotrephes Syndrome

His Motivation — _____ v. 9b

*“... who **loves to be first** among them, ...”*

His Mind — He is _____ v. 9c

*“... **does not accept** what we say.”*

His Mouth — He _____ others v. 10a

*“For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to **unjustly accusing** us with **wicked words**; ...”*

His Mannerism — He is _____ v. 10b

*“... and not satisfied with this, he himself **does not receive** the brethren, either, ...”*

His Method — He _____ people off v. 10c

*“... and he **forbids those** who desire to do so and **puts them out** of the church.”*

The Point — Who are you imitating? v. 11

*“... do not **imitate what is evil**, but what is **good**. The one who does good is **of God**; the one who does evil has not **seen** God.”*

Applications for this week:

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