

**3 John 5-8**

**v. 5-6** How did John know about Gaius' faith and love?

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**v. 6** What was John's request for Gaius?

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**v. 7** Why was Gaius to support these brethren, even strangers?

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**v. 8** Why should we support such people?

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### 3 John Outlines

- I. The Commendation Regarding Christian Hospitality (1-8)
- II. The Condemnation Regarding Violating Christian Hospitality (9-11)
- III. The Conclusion Regarding Christian Hospitality (12-15)

- I. Salutation and Prayer (1-2)
- II. The Character of Gaius (3-8)
- III. The Character of Diotrephes (9-11)
- IV. The Character of Demetrius (12)
- V. Conclusion and Salutation (13-15)

- 1. The Introduction (1)
- 2. Reassurance for Gaius (2-8)
- 3. Repudiation of Diotrephes (9-11)
- 4. Recommendation of Demetrius (12)
- 5. Conclusion (13-15)

- I. The Perseverance of Gaius the Exhorter (1-8; 13-14)
  - A. John's prayer for Gaius (1-2): That his physical body will be as healthy as his soul is
  - B. John's praise of Gaius (3-8)
    - 1. He has been faithful to God's message (3-4)
    - 2. He has been faithful to God's messengers (5-8)
  - C. John's plans concerning Gaius (13-14): He will visit him in the near future
- II. The Pride of Diotrephes the Egotist (9-11)
  - A. The evil (9-10): John indicts this church member on six counts.
    - 1. His demand to occupy the leading place (9a)
    - 2. His refusal to receive John himself (9b)
    - 3. His slander of the other apostles (10a)
    - 4. His unwillingness to entertain missionaries (10b)
    - 5. His attempts to excommunicate other believers (10c)
    - 6. His utterly wicked character (10d)
  - B. The exhortation (11): "Don't let this bad example influence you."
- III. The Personal Testimony of Demetrius the Example (12)
  - A. His associates hold him in highest esteem (12a)
  - B. The apostle holds him in highest esteem (12b)
- IV. John's Benediction (15): "May God's peace be with you."