

3 John 5-10

⁵ Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶ They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honours God. ⁷ It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. ⁸ We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

⁹ I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. ¹⁰ So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

TALK 2

Work Together for Truth's Advance (3 John 5-10)

1. Those Who Spend their Lives for the Gospel (v 5-7)

A. Who does Gaius love?

B. Why does Gaius love fellow Christians?

C. How does Gaius love others?

2. Those Who Spend their Lives for Themselves (v 8-10)

Discussion Questions

1. What are ways you can show godly hospitality towards fellow believers?

How does such hospitality commend the gospel of Jesus Christ?

2. In what ways do our mouths get in the way of us serving others and serving the Lord? Perhaps spend time today confessing to God the ways you have sinned with your words.

3. How does “theological triage,” our confidence in eternity, and a commitment to love help us persevere with fellow believers and with the church even when we feel wronged or when things don’t go our way?