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3 John

1 ¹The elder to beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:

²Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be healthy, just as it is well with your soul.³For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and bore witness to your truth, just as you walk in truth.⁴I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children walk in the truth.

⁵Beloved, you practice faithfulness whenever you labor for the brothers and for strangers⁶who have borne witness of your love in the presence of the church. You do well to send them off on their journey in a manner worthy of God,⁷because it was for the sake of the name that they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles.⁸We therefore should welcome such as these so that we will be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I wrote something to the congregation, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us.¹⁰So if I come, I will call attention to the deeds he is doing, falsely accusing us with wicked words. Not satisfied with that, he not only refuses to welcome the brothers himself, but he also stops those who want to welcome them and drives them out of the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the evildoer has not seen God.

¹²Demetrius received a good testimony from everyone and by the truth itself. We also testify about him, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I had many things to write to you, but I do not wish to write them to you with pen and ink.¹⁴But I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face.¹⁵May peace be with you. The friends greet you. Greet our friends there by name.