

Text (3 John 1) “A Letter to Friends”

(3 John 1:1)

Elder: *Not necessarily a church title for this congregation but a reference of his standing with them.*

Gaius: *Very common name at the time, no way to pin point who exactly.*

(vs 1) *John loved these person & his family.*

(Vs 4) *They were dear to him as his own Family.*

(Vs 2) *John’s Desire for them. (A Selfless desire)*

Soul Prosperity: *A strong soul can reside in a weak body.*
(Matt 19:16) (3 John 1:3)

(Vs 3) John’s Desire for them was Realized.

Truth – 6 times in this letter.

(James 1:22)

(James 2:17, 20)

(3 John 1:4) John Commended them.

Walk in Truth

A. **Stay Faithful:**

B. **Stay Growing:**

C. **Stay Serving:**

(Vs 5-6) Their Life was about OTHERS.

(3 John 1:5, Rom 12:10-13; Heb 13:2)(3 John 1:6)

(Vs 7) They did their part in helping others

Lk 6:38 *Shall man pour into your bosom.*

(3 John 1:8) *We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.*

We therefore ought to receive such: (Rom 12:10-13)
(Phil 4:17) (1 Cor 3:6-9) (Acts 1:8)

The right ATTITUDE in giving – 2 Cor 8:1-5

The right MOTIVE in giving – 2 Cor 9:5-8

The right PURPOSE for giving – 2 Cor 10:14-16

God’s people are to give: (1 Cor 16:1)

God’s people are to let God set the amount: (1 Cor 16:2)

(3 John 1:9) *preeminence*

(3 John 1:10) *prating, malicious words: not content t*

(3 John 1:11) (2 Cor 5:17) “New Creature”

How do we keep from being a Diotraphies?

Keep the main thing, the main thing.

Be a Personal Soul Winner:

1st Target specific individuals.

2nd Pray for them everyday.

3rd Touch their lives at least 7 times in the next 30 days.

4th Get them in front of the Gospel 3 times.

(3 John 1:1-14)