

Verse: 3 John 2-4

Homework: 1-3 John

Three Themes:

- Right Thinking: Correct Belief about Jesus – Truth!
- Right Loving: Love One Another
- Right Living: Becoming who we are in Christ

3 John: Danger: Inside Job!

- Walking in the Truth See 2 John 4 1-4
  - The Elder = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Good health vs. soul health!
  - No greater joy – children walking in truth...
- Gaius: Faithful Friend 5-8
  - Pattern of faithfulness: Repeated acts of kindness.
  - Faithfulness defined: Showing love to the stranger.
  - The call to continue: Past action is not a call for present inactivity!
  - The Stranger Defined: Those who have gone out for the Gospel!
  - Pay it forward – continue to receive & send them!
- Diotrephes: Abusive Bully 9-12
  - Letter rejected – Diotrephes wants nothing to do with it...
    - He wanted to be first – he didn't accept the authority of John!
    - The four steps of Control (Bullying!)
      - Gossip maliciously – no longer tell the truth about your opponent!
      - Control access from outsiders.
      - Control access by intimidation.
      - Expel those who aren't in line!
- Demetrius – Man of Integrity
  - Good vs. Evil – which will you imitate?
  - Reputation built over a long period of time!
- Love, John 13-15
  - Let's have coffee!
  - Face-to-face – close interpersonal connection/ community
  - By name – More than just a face in a crowd!!

Key:

- Which of the three are you?
  - Gaius – Faithful Friend
  - Diotrephes – Abusive Bully
  - Demetrius – Man of Integrity

Application:

- Which one of these three does your life reflect?