



NEW TESTAMENT • GENERAL LETTERS

3 John

Hospitality over self-importance.

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The big picture

The elder commends Gaius for supporting faithful travelers and contrasts that welcome with Diotrephes' controlling behavior. A small local conflict exposes a lasting question: will leadership serve the truth or guard personal importance? Demetrius provides a positive example. Third John shows that ordinary hospitality and trustworthy character help sustain the shared work of the gospel.

Words to carry

“Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good.”

3 John 1:11 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Welcome or support someone doing faithful work beyond your own circle.

02 Notice a situation where control is replacing service.

03 Thank a person whose integrity quietly strengthens a community.

Pause & reflect

Do my choices make room for others or protect my own importance?

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