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3 John 1:5-12

**Noticing How the Elder Speaks of the Main Players:**

1. Gaius is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Verses 5-8)

1. Diotrephes Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Verses 9-10)

1. Demetrius is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Verses 11-12)

**THE POINT 🡪** Even under great pressure, it will always be best to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Imitating What Is Good Today:**

1. Know the difference between pleasing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and pleasing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. One of the clearest indicators of a Jesus-like life is how we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. When you don’t know what to do, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the side of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



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**Noticing How the Elder Speaks of the Main Players:**

1. Gaius is **PRAISED**.

(Verses 5-8)

1. Diotrephes Is **DENOUNCED**.

(Verses 9-10)

1. Demetrius is **COMMENDED**.

(Verses 11-12)

**THE POINT 🡪** Even under great pressure, it will always be best to **IMITATE** what is **GOOD**.

**Imitating What Is Good Today:**

1. Know the difference between pleasing **PEOPLE** and pleasing **GOD**.
2. One of the clearest indicators of a Jesus-like life is how we **LOVE** our **NEIGHBOR**.
3. When you don’t know what to do, **ERR** on the side of **GRACE**.

**For Further Study**

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**Getting Started**

1. What struck you most about Sunday’s text and why?
2. Think of someone who has expressed great love and/or hospitality to you.
* How did that person love and welcome you?
* Why do you think it’s important for Christians to express that kind of love to each other?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Read 1 John 3:11-12.
* In what ways was Gaius like someone who fulfills the command, “We should love one another”?
* In what ways was Diotrephes like Cain, “who… murdered his brother”?
1. Now read 1 John 3:14-15.
* What kind of evidence would you see in someone who genuinely loves and follows Jesus?
* What kind of evidence was in Diotrephes’ life?

**Driving It Home**

1. Meditate on 1 John 3:16-18.
* What example of love has Jesus left for us?
* In what ways can you tangibly imitate the example of Jesus this week?