

“The Truth About Church Members”

3 John 1-14

3 John is the _____ book in the Bible (219 words). While it's a little book, it's also an _____ book. The 3 epistles of John use a lot of the same _____ and cover the same topics. 1 John suggests 3 marks of a _____ Christian.

- 1) You will _____ other believers. 1 John 4:20-21
- 2) You will _____ God's commands. 1 John 3:6, 9-10
- 3) You will _____ who Jesus is. 1 John 4:2-3

The 1st thing that jumps out at you as you read 3 John is that it mentions 3 people by _____ – Gaius, Diotrephes, and Demetrius. The 2nd thing that jumps out at you is how many times John repeats the word _____.

The purpose of 3rd John is to describe the _____ of these 3 men to the truth. The truth is that some church members are _____ and some are not.

1. Gaius _____ in the Truth. 3 John 1-8

The best evidence that you really know _____ is that you are _____ for Him. In verses 5-8, John encourages Gaius to continue his ministry of providing _____ to visiting preachers.

2. Diotrephes _____ the Truth. 3 John 9-11

Diotrephes wanted to be the _____ of the church and didn't want anybody to overrule his _____. He claimed to be a genuine believer, but sure didn't _____ like one.

3. Demetrius _____ the Truth. 3 John 12-14

Demetrius was a traveling preacher who _____ this letter to Gaius. Everyone who knew Demetrius had _____ things to say about him.

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