

vv9-15

What was the basis for refusing someone hospitality in 2John?

Why does Diotrephes behave in the way he does?

Why is John telling Gaius about Diotrephes?

How do Jn 1:18 and 14:8-9 illuminate John's point in 3Jn v11b? So, how does v11b reinforce the command in v11a?

Living it out

You're under pressure from the CU exec to break off ties with your CU staff-worker. How do you decide what to do in this situation?

Pete never seems to have a good word to say about his church leaders. He's miffed that he wasn't asked to be on the CU exec and has made snide remarks about the CU ever since. He generally falls out with anyone who doesn't agree with him. How would you chat to him on the basis of 3Jn?

Sally claims to be a Christian, but her reputation in hall isn't great. She's seen coming out of her boyfriend's room late at night, and there's rumours that they're sleeping together. How would you approach this situation on the basis of 3Jn?

Christians are your siblings and friends. In what ways does this challenge and/or encourage you?

The CU is so blessed to be really well supported by outside speakers and helpers. On the basis of 3Jn how should we respond?

The brothers publicly commended Gaius. John commends Demetrius. How can we imitate this?

In what areas of Christian character is the Holy Spirit particularly challenging you to grow at the moment: truth; love; humility; goodness; good reputation?

_____ John's Third Letter

Complete a SWOT analysis of Gaius' situation here:

Strengths	Weaknesses
Opportunities	Threats

vv1-8

In what ways does Gaius already model the lessons we learned from 2John?

What's the big issue here? What can we infer about the potential implications this could have on Gaius' service?

What do vv6b-8 tell us about the motivations for Christian service?