

# Faithful or fraud?

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The letter of 3 John

# 1. Gaius – a faithful friend (v1-8)

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- A dear friend to John (v2)
- John prays for his health – spiritual, as well as physical
- Commended for walking in the truth (v4)
- Faithful in what he does for “the brothers”
- Known for giving hospitality...to the brothers...even though they are strangers...and doing so generously.
- A desire for the honour of God’s name (v7)
- V8 –We therefore ought to do the same...

## 2. Diotrephes – a fraud in the church (v9-10)

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- We don't know what office he holds, but he holds the power!
- He wants to be first, he rules the church “his way”
- He forgot that the church is a *body, made up of many parts* (1 Cor 12)
- His actions v10
  - Gossiping maliciously, rejecting other Christians, and bullying those who won't play his way

### 3. Demetrius (v11-12) – an example to follow

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- A man of sound character
- A good testimony from all
- A good testimony from “the truth”
- A good testimony from a reliable witness