

A Church with Struggling Leadership - III John

I. Gaius, a faithful leader, v. 1-8

A. He is beloved, v. 1-2

B. He walks in the truth, v. 3-4

C. Gaius is faithful in loving service, v. 5-8

II. Diotrephes, a divisive leader, v. 9-11

A. Diotrephes is prideful, v. 9

B. Diotrephes rejects other leaders' counsel, v. 9

C. Diotrephes criticizes other leaders, v. 10

D. Diotrephes opposes faithful believers, v. 10

E. Diotrephes needs to be disciplined, v. 10-11

III. Demetrius, a steadfast leader, v. 12-14

A. Demetrius has a reputation of strong faithfulness, v. 12

B. Demetrius is being sent with high esteem from other godly leaders, v. 12

- How has your soul prospered in the last few months?
- How resilient is your faith? When you find yourself in physical or spiritual duress, do you shrink back from attack or stand steadfast in love?
- What reasons do you hesitate to serve? Do you lack the time, the energy, the skill???
- Who in our congregation are you praying for, that they would have spiritual prosperity?
- If John were to write you a personal letter, what would it say?
- What areas of your life would he identify as a faithful walk? Areas of open charity, hospitality, or partnering with faithful believers?
- What areas of your life could be identified as seeking preeminence, being critical, or refusing to cooperate with other believers?

Next week: 1 John 1:5-2:2