

3 Examples From 3rd John

“Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.”

(3 John 1:11)

Examples are great things. We must strive to be good examples ... regardless we will be an example.

- Some people are examples to be imitated.
- Some people are cautionary tales.

Read: Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Peter 2:11-12; John 13:14-17; 1 Corinthians 11:1;

- What is an example? _____
 - To whom are you an example? _____
 - Who is an example to you? _____
 - What factors are important in being a good example? _____
- _____

Gaius (3 John 1-8)

1. What is John's evaluation of Gaius? _____
 2. How does a soul prosper? _____
 3. How did John know about Gaius? _____
 4. In what way was Gaius a good example? _____
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5. What is a “manner worthy of God”? _____
 6. What does it mean to receive someone? _____
 7. What is the significance of being a fellow worker? _____
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Diotrephes (3 John 9-11)

1. What happened when John wrote to this church previously? _____

2. What was John's evaluation of Diotrephes? _____
3. What words would you use to describe Diotrephes? _____

4. Diotrephes' example by his deeds:
 - a. _____ words.
 - b. Does not _____ the brethren.
 - c. _____ others who wish to receive the brethren.
 - d. Puts those with whom he disagrees out of the _____.
5. Who was Diotrephes rejecting? _____
6. Should anyone be rejected? _____
7. Verse 11 seems to be a warning about what example you imitate.
 - a. Why would anyone want to imitate Diotrephes? _____
 - b. Explain the phrase "has not seen God". _____

Demetrius (3 John 12-14)

1. Who are the three witnesses that speak of Demetrius' good example? _____

2. What was John's evaluation of Demetrius? _____
3. What are the benefits of speaking face to face? _____

4. How might each of these men have felt about John coming to visit?
 - a. Gaius - _____
 - b. Diotrephes - _____
 - c. Demetrius - _____
5. Which example are you like?
6. Which example influences you?