

PROVIDING TRUE HOSPITALITY

Introduction: John wrote to encourage Gaius to continue giving hospitality to itinerant preachers, who declared the Gospel to the Gentiles. The inns were not fit for preachers and they needed financial help, so this enabled Gaius to partner in preaching the Gospel and to live the truth of love for the brethren.

Lesson Aim: Walk in true love for missionaries by providing help and hospitality for them in their work.

Memory Verse: We ought therefore to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth 3 John 8.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Salutation of John – 1:1-2

1. Why did John love Gaius? 1:1
2. Find the verses where John addressed Gaius as “Beloved.”
3. What did John desire above all things for Gaius? 1:2

II. Commendation of Gaius – 1:3-8

4. What did the brethren (itinerant preachers) say about Gaius? 1:3
5. What Scriptural truth is meant when it is said that Gaius walked in the truth? 1:3, 6
6. What gave John the greatest joy? 1:4
7. What was Gaius doing for the brethren (itinerant preachers)? 1:5-7
8. When Gaius helped the itinerant preachers, he was a _____ for the truth. 1:8

III. Condemnation of Diotrephes – 1:9-10

9. Why did Diotrephes oppose John’s letter to the church? 1:9
10. What did Diotrephes do? He was p_____ against John with m_____ words. 1:10
11. What did he do to the brethren (itinerant preachers)? 1:10
12. What did he do to church members that helped these brethren? 1:10

IV. Exhortation to Gaius – 1:11

13. John encouraged Gaius not to f_____ that which is e_____, because he has not s_____ God but he that does g_____ is of God. 1:11

V. Recommendation of Demetrius – 1:12

14. What did all men say about Demetrius? 1:12
15. Who agreed with these men? 1:12

VI. Conclusion of John – 1:13-14

16. Why did John write such a short letter? 1:13-14
17. How was Gaius to greet John’s friends? 1:14