

Receive in Truth

- Gaius is a good man highly praised by John (v. 1-6).
- Truth is a key theme of this letter and of John's relationship with Gaius (v. 1, 3, 4, 8, 12).
- He loved Gaius "in the truth" (v. 1).
- Gaius is praised for and encouraged to continue caring for servants of God (v. 5-7)

Diotrephes Rejects

- He loves to be first (v. 9; cf. Col. 1:18).
- He rejects apostolic authority (v. 9).
- He slanders perceived opponents (v. 10).
- He bars the door against them (v. 10).
- He must be stood up to.
- Demetrius had the credentials to be accepted (v. 12).

