

**“Loving To Be Last?”**  
**Short and Sweet, Pt. 3 - 3 John 1-15**  
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**I. Keep Up the Good Work, Gaius (aka Support those who are serving the Lord).**

- A. Gaius’ was “walking in the truth” by supporting travelling Christian teachers.
- B. John wanted him to excel in this even more, especially in light of Diotrephes looming influence.

**II. See Diotrephes for Who He Is (aka Recognize pride is the root of unfaithfulness).**

- A. Diotrephes was refusing to support travelling Christian teachers and had doubled-down with all sorts of rebellion.
- B. Diotrephes’ obnoxious behavior was rooted in his love of being first, i.e., pride.
- C. Pride is the root of all human sin, outside and *inside* the church.

**III. Welcome Demetrius (aka Resist the temptation to pride).**

- A. Gaius needed to be reminded to reject Diotrephes because he too was susceptible to pride.
- B. So are all believers.
- C. Conflicts in our life make this so plain.

*James 4:1–2a - <sup>1</sup> What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel...*