

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1455: What Big Lessons Can We Learn From the Little Book of 3 John?

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See:



1. What does it mean to be “walking in the truth”? Why is truth John’s “heartbeat”? (3 John 1:1-4, John 8:32, 14:6)
2. Would other Christians describe my walk with Christ as “walking in the truth”?
3. What is the lesson we can take away from John referring to himself as “the elder”? (3 John 1:1, 1 Peter 5:1, 1 Corinthians 15:9)
4. How did Gaius demonstrate his faithful Christian character through a connection between truth, love and practical service to others? (3 John 1:3, 5-6, Galatians 6:8-10, Ephesians 2:18-20)
5. In what way can Christians participate in gospel work even when they are not the primary teachers or preachers? (3 John 1:7-8, Acts 5:40-41, John 15:21)
6. Describe how Diotrephes saw his position in the church. What did he crave? How does this contrast with the apostles’ attitudes? (3 John 1:9, Matthew 23:10-12, 1 Corinthians 15:9, 1 Peter 5:1)
7. What were the three behaviors John lists against Diotrephes, and how did each one damage the brotherhood? (3 John 1:11, James 4:11-12, Matthew 23:13)
8. Do I need to weed out any attitudes of pride, desire for recognition or need for control in my life that reflect Diotrephes’ attitude, rather than Christ’s?
9. How is 3 John 1:11 illustrated through the contrast between Gaius and Diotrephes?
10. What were the three qualities John noted that set Demetrius apart? In what way do these qualities teach us about godly leadership? (3 John 1:12, Acts 6:2-3)
11. How does “the truth itself” testify to our Christian character, conduct and reputation? (3 John 1:12, 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Peter 1:5-8)
12. What practical steps can I take to support, encourage or serve others, “especially to those who are of the household of faith”? (3 John 1:8, Galatians 6:10)