

***“ARE YOU
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***Studies in
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Introduction: In John's first epistle, he ponders the benefits of being a faithful child of God. In John's second epistle, he encourages Christians to walk with God. In this third epistle, he hopes to encourage and challenge a church that was struggling with leadership. Who should we follow? Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Christian Leaders Should Be Friendly (vs.1-4)

- A. Christians should encourage their friends (v.1).
- B. Christians should pray for their friends (v.2).
- C. Christians should share good news about their friends (v.3).
- D. Christians should rejoice over their friends (v.4).

II. Christian Leaders Should Be Focused (vs.5-8)

- A. The church should focus on sharing (benevolence) (v.5).
- B. The church should focus on loving (v.6).
- C. The church should focus on serving (v.7).
- D. The church should focus on working (v.8).

III. Christian Leaders Should Be Forewarned (vs.9-11)

- A. Some Christian leaders refuse to listen (v.9)
- B. Some Christian leaders refuse to accept advice (v.10)
- C. Some Christian leaders refuse to change (v.11)

IV. Christian Leaders Should Be Faithful (vs.12-15)

- A. Faithful leaders say good things about others (v.12).
- B. Faithful leaders write encouraging words about others (v.13).
- C. Faithful leaders visit people who need encouragement (v.14).
- D. Faithful leaders offer peace to those in need (v.15).
- D. Faithful leaders pass on positive words (v.15).
- D. Faithful leaders greet others by name (v.15).

Conclusion: Every church needs good godly leaders. It is very important for us to follow leaders that are following God. This letter talks about three men: Gaius, Diotrephes, and Demetrius. Two men were good and one man was evil. This letter challenges us to ask, "Who are we following?" Are you following selfish ego-centric leaders? Are you following godly examples?