

*SERMON NOTES –09/08/15*

**“An Example To Follow!”**

Remembered for what?

Gaius – faithful in God’s work

Diotrephes – one who liked to be first and only thinking of himself

Demetrius – spoken well of by all

What or who’s example do you follow?

**To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:**

What would you incorporate from Gaius’ life into yours?

What would you incorporate into your life from Diotrephes?

What would you incorporate from Demetrius’ life into yours?

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 09/08/15**

III John 1-14

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1. Who is John writing to? What do we know of this person? How does John feel about this person?
2. John uses the words ‘Dear friend’ several times. What would you be looking for in someone you would call a dear friend?
3. What does John pray for this dear friend? Is it a prayer we can use when called upon to pray for people?
4. What brought joy to John’s heart? When you reflect back over the people whom God has brought you in contact with, what brings you joy as you ponder them?
5. What brothers is John talking about in verse 5? What is Gaius doing for these brothers? .
6. What are the brothers telling John about Gaius? Why were the brothers going out? (v.7)
7. Why was hospitality so important in the early church? (vv. 6&8)
8. List some of traits displayed by Diotrephes?
9. Is there room for someone in the church who wants to be first? Why or why not? What does such a person need?
10. When Diotrephes rejects John what is he actually doing in taking such action? What does he do with anyone who disagrees with him?
11. How would you deal with a Diotrephes type person in the church? Is it even possible to do anything with him given the traits he displays?
12. What is it about Demetrius that people speak well of him?
13. III John gives you a realistic view of the early church. Would you expect such tension so soon after the church was established? Bear in mind it has been some 55-60 years since the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. How long does a church need before it gets off track?