

Good Imitations

3 John

In his third letter, the apostle John paints a contrast between two leaders whose character is revealed in how they treat missionaries. John encourages his readers to make a wise choice as to whom they will pattern their lives after.

Major theme: Make a wise choice in whom you follow (11)

Minor theme: Missionaries are to be loved and cared for (5-8)

Gaius: A man who put missionaries first (1-8)

Diotrephes: A man who put himself first (9-10)

Demetrius: An example worth following (11-12)

John's heartfelt greetings (13-15)

A tale of two leaders

	Gaius	Diotrephes
Motivation	Love for others	Love of position
Accept Instruction	Walks in truth	Won't listen
Treat others	Open arms	Closed heart
	Builds up	Tears down
Resources	Generous	Controlling
Focus	Ministry	Maintenance
Priority	Honor God	Honor self
Result	Commended	Confronted

Are you a leader worth following?