

**The Book of III John
The Pastor's Friends**

III John 1:6-8

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7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, **taking nothing of the Gentiles**.

8 We therefore ought to **receive such**, that we might be **fellowhelpers** to the truth.

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Purpose: Define to God's people the kind of friends a _____ has.

Main Theme: God's Man needs _____!

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I. The Pastor's Friend #1 – A _____ Friend (III John 1:1-8)

A. Walks in the Truth (_____) (III John 1:1-4)

1 The elder unto the **wellbeloved(worthy of love; _____) Gaius(_____ or leader)**, whom **I love in the truth**.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that **thou mayest prosper** and be in health, even as **thy soul prospereth**.

3 For I **rejoiced** greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as **thou walkest in the truth**.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that **my children walk in truth**.

B. _____ to the Truth (III John 1:5)

5 Beloved, thou doest **faithfully** whatsoever thou doest **to the brethren, and to strangers**;

C. Charity(_____) in the Truth (III John 1:6-8)

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7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, **taking nothing of the Gentiles**.

8 We therefore ought to **receive such**, that we might be **fellowhelpers** to the truth.

II. The Pastor's Friend #2 – A _____ friend (III John 1:9-11)

A. Loves _____ (III John 1:9)

9 I wrote unto the church: but **Diotrephes**(_____ **by love**), who loveth to have the **preeminence**(desire to be _____) **among them**, receiveth us not.

B. _____ God's people (III John 1:10-11)

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will **remember his deeds** which he doeth, prating against us with **malicious**(_____) words: and not content therewith,

1. _____ the brethren (III John 1:10b)
neither doth he himself receive the brethren,

2. _____ those that do receive the brethren (III John 1:10c)
and **forbiddeth** them that would,

3. _____ people out of the church (III John 1:10d-11)
and **casteth them** out of the church.

11 Beloved, **follow not that which is evil, but that which is good**. He that doeth good is of God: but **he that doeth evil hath not seen God**.

III. The Pastor's Friend #3 – a _____ Friend (III John 1:12)

A. Has a good report (III John 1:12a)

12 **Demetrius** (belonging to Ceres – goddess of _____) **hath good report** of all *men*,

B. True to the Truth(The _____) (III John 1:12b)

and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

IV. The Pastor's _____ (III John 1:13-14)

A. A Desire to _____ the people (III John 1:13-14a)

13 **I had many things to write**, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust **I shall shortly see thee**,

B. A Desire to speak _____ (III John 1:14b)

and we shall **speak face to face**. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.