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Chapter 1

- (1) The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, 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.
- (5) Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
- (6) Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:
- (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.
- (9) I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.
- (10) Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

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- (2) Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.
- (3) Because I rejoiced greatly, when the brothers came and testified of the truth that is in you, even as you walk in the truth.
- (4) I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
- (5) Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do to the brothers and to strangers;
- (6) Who have borne witness of your charity before the church: whom if you bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, you will do well:
- (7) Because for His Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing from the Gentiles {non-Jews}.
- (8) We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.
- (9) I wrote to the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have first place among them, does not receive us.
- (10) Therefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, speaking against us with malicious words: and not content to do just that, he himself does not even receive the brothers, and forbids those who would receive them, and casts them out of the church.

1:1a – Gaius – Acts 19:29; 20:4; Rom. 16:23; I Cor. 1:14

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(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.
(12) Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.
(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, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

(11) Beloved, do not follow that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God: but he who does evil has not seen God.
(12) Demetrius^b has a good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yes, and we also bear witness; and you know that our witness is true.
(13) I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write to you:
(14) But I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to you. Our friends salute you. Greet the friends by name.

1:12b – Demetrius – Acts 19:38