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- This short letter was written to a Christian named, Gaius.
- What we know about Gaius:
 - Was a child of John’s in the faith. A Godly man.
 - Helped the brethren in ministry.
 - Was well respected by the brethren.

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- What we know about Diotrophes:
 - Like to have the preeminence in the church.
 - Refused to accept the authority of the apostles and in particular John.
 - Spoke wickedly about the author and his colleagues.
 - Doesn't welcome the brothers and stops others who would.

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- What we know about Demetrius:
 - Godly man with a good influence.
 - Well spoken of by the brethren and by the apostle.
 - Probably the courier of this epistle for the John.
- This is a compare/contrast concerning the practice of truth.

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LOVING

- Vs. 1
- I Peter 1:22
- II Cor. 8:7-8
- What does loving in truth look like- II Cor. 8:1-4 and Romans 12:9-20

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WALKING

- Vs. 4
- Romans 13:13-14
- Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-10, 15-17
 - Accepting that proper living comes from God and I am going to follow that plan.

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LABORING

- Vs. 8
- I Cor. 3:10-14; 4:11-13
- Romans 16:23
 - May be the same guy/ Certainly the same kind of guy.

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SPEAKING

- Vs. 12

- The writer says that the readers know that his testimony is true.
- Testimony regarding Demetrius.

- Ephesians 4:15, 25, 29