

A Diagramming of 3 John

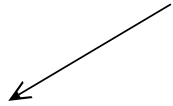
1 The Elder, to Gaius, *my* DEAR FRIEND,
whom I truly love.

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2 DEAR FRIEND,
I pray that in every way things may GO WELL WITH YOU
and
that you may be healthy
- just as *I have heard* that things are GOING WELL WITH YOUR SOUL.



3 [Why this prayer]
For it filled me with great JOY
when *Christian* brothers
came,
and
told *me* about the TRUTH that is in you -
the TRUTH in which you continue to LIVE.



4 [About this joy]
I have no greater JOY than to hear that my *spiritual* children continue to LIVE in the TRUTH.

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5 DEAR FRIEND,
you have been faithful in what you have done for the *Christian* brothers,
even though they are strangers to you.

6 - They have told the church about your love.

You will do well to send them on their way,
in a manner worthy of God.

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7 It was for his name's sake that they went out,
receiving no financial help
from those who do not know God.

8 We, **therefore**, ought to help them,
so that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

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9 I wrote to the church,
but
Diotrephes, who loves to put himself first,
will not pay attention to what we say.

10 **So** if I visit,
I will point out what he is doing,
spreading false rumors about us.
Not satisfied with that, he not only refuses to welcome the *Christian* brothers,
but also tries to stop others from doing so,
expelling them out of the church.

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11 DEAR FRIEND,
do not imitate what is evil,
but
[do imitate] what is good.

He who does what is good is from God;
he who does what is evil has not seen God.

12 Everyone speaks well of Demetrius;
the truth itself speaks well of him.

We also speak well of him,
and
you know that our testimony is true.

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13 I have many things to say to you,
but
am unwilling to do so with pen and ink.

14 I hope to see you soon,
and
then we will talk face to face.

Peace to you.

The friends *here* greet you.
Greet the friends *there* by name.