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1 The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be healthy, even as your soul prospers. 3 For I rejoiced when my brothers came and testified about your truth, even as you walk in truth. 4 I have greater joy than this: to hear about my children walking in truth.

5 Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatever you accomplish for those who are brothers and strangers. 6 They have testified about your love before the assembly. You will send them forward on their journey in a worthy way, because the sake of Name they went out from the Gentiles. 8

We therefore ought
to receive such, that
we may be
fellow workers for
the truth.

9 I wrote to
the assembly, but
Diotrephes, who
to be first among
them, doesn't accept
what we say.¹⁰
Therefore, if I
come, I will
call attention to
his deeds which
he does, unjustly
accusing us with
wicked words.
Not content with
this, he doesn't
receive the
brothers himself,
and those who
would, he forbids
and throws out
of the assembly.

11 Beloved, don't
imitate that which
is evil, but that
which is good.
He who does good
of God.
He who does evil
hasn't seen God.¹²
Demetrius has
the testimony of
all, and of
truth itself;
we also testify,
and you know
that our testimony
is true.