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3 John 1:1

ULT

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

UST

¹ {You know me as} the elder{. I am writing this letter} to {you}, my dear friend Gaius, whom I truly love.

By what title does the author John introduce himself in this letter?

John introduces himself as the elder.

What relationship does John have with Gaius, the one receiving this letter?

John loves Gaius in truth.

3 John 1:2

ULT

² Beloved, I pray concerning everything {for} you to prosper and to be healthy, just as your soul prospers.

UST

² Dear friend, I ask God that he would make everything go well for you, and that you may be physically healthy just as you are healthy in respect to God.

For what does John pray concerning Gaius?

John prays that Gaius would prosper in all things and be in health, as his soul prospers.

3 John 1:3**ULT**

³ For I rejoiced greatly at the coming of the brothers and testifying to your truth, just as you are walking in truth.

UST

³ I know that you are healthy in respect to God because of the fellow believers who came here and who told me about your truthful {teaching}. Your teaching agrees with how you live according to the true message {about Jesus}. That made me very happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John 1:4**ULT**

⁴ I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear my children are walking in the truth.

UST

⁴ This is what makes me the very happiest—when someone tells me that the people whom I have helped to follow Jesus are living according to the true message from God!

What is John's greatest joy?

John's greatest joy is to hear that his children are walking in the truth.

3 John 1:5**ULT**

⁵ Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing whenever you might work for the brothers, and this {for} strangers,

UST

⁵ Dear friend, you are serving Jesus loyally whenever you do things to help fellow believers, even those whom you do not know.

For whom did Gaius work?

Gaius worked for the brothers even though they were strangers.

3 John 1:6**ULT**

⁶ the ones having borne witness to your love in the presence of the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God,

UST

⁶⁻⁷ Some of them have reported before the congregation {here} how you have shown that you love them. You should continue to help such people because they are traveling in order to be obedient to Jesus, and people who do not believe in Jesus do not help them. Therefore, it is good that you give such people what they need for traveling {in a generous way} because doing so honors God.

In what manner did Gaius send the brothers on their journey?

He sent them out in a manner worthy of God.

3 John 1:7**ULT**

⁷ because they went out for the sake of the name, receiving nothing from the Gentiles.

UST

⁶⁻⁷ Some of them have reported before the congregation {here} how you have shown that you love them. You should continue to help such people because they are traveling in order to be obedient to Jesus, and people who do not believe in Jesus do not help them. Therefore, it is good that you give such people what they need for traveling {in a generous way} because doing so honors God.

Why did the brothers need help from the believers to send them out on their journey?

They needed help because they did not receive anything from the Gentiles.

3 John 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Therefore, we ourselves ought to welcome such as these so that we become fellow workers for the truth.

UST

⁸ So we {who believe in Jesus} ought to give these people whatever they need. Then it will be as though we are working alongside them as they help others to know God's true message.

Why does John say believers should welcome brothers such as these?

John says believers should welcome them so that they may be fellow-workers for the truth.

3 John 1:9**ULT**

⁹ I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, the one loving to be first among them, does not accept us.

UST

⁹ I wrote a letter to your group of believers {to tell them to help those other believers}. However, Diotrephes does not accept anything that I say, because he wants to dominate your group.

What does Diotrephes love?

Diotrephes loves to be first among the congregation.

What is Diotrephes' attitude toward John?

Diotrephes does not receive John.

3 John 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his works that he is doing—accusing us with evil words. But not being satisfied with these things, he does not receive the brothers, and he stops the ones willing and puts {them} out of the church.

UST

¹⁰ So when I arrive there I will publicly tell everyone what he does: He falsely tells others that we do evil things. He does this in order to harm us by what he says. As well as doing that, he also refuses to welcome the fellow believers who are traveling in order to do God's work. He even prevents those who do want to welcome them and forces them to leave the group of believers!

What will John do when he comes to Gaius and the congregation?

When John comes, he will remember Diotrephes' evil deeds.

What does Diotrephes do with the brothers who were sent out?

Diotrephes does not receive the brothers.

What does Diotrephes do with those who receive these brothers?

Diotrephes forbids them from receiving the brothers and puts them out of the church.

3 John 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate the evil, but the good. The one doing good is from God; the one doing evil has not seen God.

UST

¹¹ Dear friend, do not copy a bad example {like that}. Instead, do the good things that you see good people doing. {Remember that} people who do good deeds truly belong to God. But anyone who keeps doing what is bad has not known God.

What does John tell Gaius to imitate?

John tells Gaius to imitate what is good.

3 John 1:12**ULT**

¹² Demetrius has been borne witness to by all and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

UST

¹² All the believers who know Demetrius say that he is a good person. The way that he lives according to God's true message also shows you that he is a good person. We also confirm that he is a good person, and you know that what we say is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John 1:13**ULT**

¹³ I have many things to write to you, but I am not wishing to write {them} to you with ink and pen.

UST

¹³ There are many {more} things about which I could write to you. But I do not want to write to you {about them} in a letter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I expect to see you soon, and we will speak mouth to mouth.

UST

¹⁴ Instead, I hope to come and see you soon. Then we will talk directly with one another.

What does John expect to do in the future?

John expects to come and speak with Gaius in person.

3 John 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

UST

¹⁵ I pray that God will continue to make you peaceful. The believers {here} greet you. Please greet for us {each of} the believers {there} individually.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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