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Chapter 1

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

²Beloved, I pray concerning everything {for} you to prosper and to be healthy, just as your soul prospers. ³For I rejoiced greatly at {the} coming of {the} brothers and bearing witness {to} your truth, just as you are walking in truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than these {things}, that I hear my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing whenever you might work for the brothers, and this {for} strangers, ⁶the ones having borne witness to your love in {the} presence of the church. You will do well to send them on {their journey} in a manner worthy of God, ⁷because they went out for the sake of the name, receiving nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we ourselves ought to welcome such as {these}, so that we become fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, the one loving to be first among them, does not accept us. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹Beloved, do not imitate what {is} evil, but what {is} good. The one doing good is from God; the one doing evil has not seen God. ¹²Demetrius 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.

¹³I have many {things} to write to you, but I am not wishing to write them to you with ink and pen. ¹⁴But I expect to see you soon, and we will speak mouth to mouth. ¹⁵Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

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