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1 *From John* the Church Leader. To Gaius, my dear friend,
whom I truly love. [2] Dear friend, I am asking God to
make everything go well for you and to keep you healthy
physically, just as you are healthy in respect to God. [3] I
know that you are healthy in respect to God because some
fellow believers came here and told me about your truthful
way of living. They said that you live according to the true
message about Jesus. That makes me very happy. [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! [5] Dear friend,
you are serving Jesus loyally whenever you do things to
help fellow believers, even those whom you do not know.
[6–7] Some of them have reported before the congregation *here*
how you have shown that you love them. Such people are
traveling in order to be obedient to Jesus and they have
decided to allow only fellow believers to help them as they
travel. Therefore it is good that you give such people what
they need for traveling in a *generous* way that honors God.
[8] In fact, all of us *who believe in Jesus* should 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.

[9] I wrote a letter to your group of believers to tell them to
help those other believers. However, Diotrephes, who wants
to dominate your group, refuses to do this. [10] So when I
arrive there I will publicly tell everyone what he does: He
says bad things about us that are not true. In addition to
doing that, he also refuses to welcome the 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!

[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 does not know God.

[12] People widely praise Demetrius as a good person. The
way that he lives according to God's true message also makes
it clear that he is a good person. We also confirm that he is
a good person, and you know that what we say is true.

[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. [14] Instead, I hope to come and see you soon. Then we
will talk directly with one another. [15] I pray that God will
help you live peacefully. The believers *here* greet you. Please
greet for us *each of* the believers *there* individually.