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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.