

### 3<sup>RD</sup> JOHN 1:9-11 FAST FACTS #26

1. NOW JOHN PUBLICALLY REBUKES A MAN DIOTREPHESES WHO LOVES TO HAVE PRE-EMINENCE. HE IS FOLLOWING THE CLEAR COMMAND OF THE BIBLE IN ROMANS 16:17. PAUL SAYS, "I APPEAL TO YOU BRETHREN, TO BE ON GUARD CONCERNING THOSE WHO CREATE DISSENSIONS AND DIFFICULTIES AND CAUSE DIVISIONS."

2. JESUS GIVES US THE STANDARD BY WHICH WE ARE TO JUDGE A BROTHER(SISTER) IN MATT. 7:1-2. IT IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH WE WILL BE JUDGED.

3. DIOTREPHESES PROBLEM WAS "PRIDE", THE ORIGINAL SIN. SATAN, UNWILLING TO BE WHAT GOD HAD CREATED HIM TO BE, WANTED TO BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH. ISA.14:14

4. DIOTREPHESES PUBLICALLY SPOKE AGAINST JOHN AND HIS ASSOCIATES. HE WOULD NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM; HE SPOKE OPENLY AGAINST THEM, USING MALICIOUS LANGUAGE. HE ALSO TRIED TO CAST OUT OF THE CHURCH ANY WHO SHOWED HOSPITALITY TO JOHN AND HIS ASSOCIATES.

5. JOHN IS GIVING US CLEAR EXAMPLES OF THE GOOD AND BAD. EXAMPLES: GAIUS, WHO WALKED IN THE TRUTH, VERSES ONE AND TWO, AND DIOTREPHESES, WHOSE NAME MEANS "NOURISHED BY JUPITER", A FALSE GOD.

6. JOHN THE APOSTLE, WHO STOOD AT JESUS' CROSS, COULD HAVE PUT DIOTREPHESES OUT OF THE CHURCH, BUT HE EXPOSED HIM INSTEAD. DISCERNING CHRIST FOLLOWERS SHOULD AVOID THE "DIOTREPHESES" OF OUR CHURCHES. THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE.