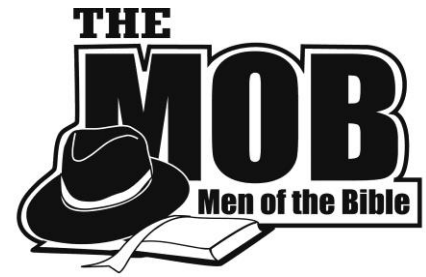




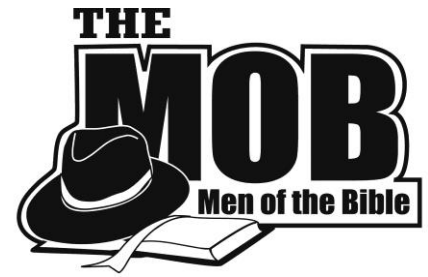
# Announcements



- Welcome to MOB!
- IBC membership business meeting, 31 Jan 16, in the atrium, to approve deacons, etc.
- 4-5 Mar 16, [Women's Spring Conference](#) at IBC, speaker is Ms. Nancy Guthrie, topic "Can this possibly be God's Good Plan for my life?"
- IBI classes available, range of topics, see [www.ibcva.com/ibi](http://www.ibcva.com/ibi) for course offerings
- Website: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)




# 2015 – 2016 Overview



**1 John** “Fellowship Barometer”

**2 Peter** “Poison in the Pew”

**2 John** “Bolt the Door”

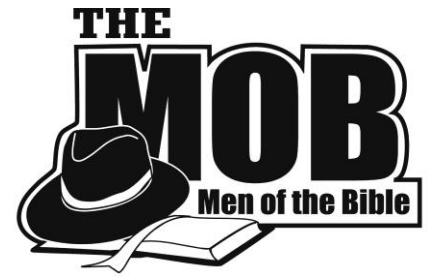
 **3 John** “Open the Door”

**Jude** “Fight for the Faith”

**Daniel** “Dreams”



# Memory Verse



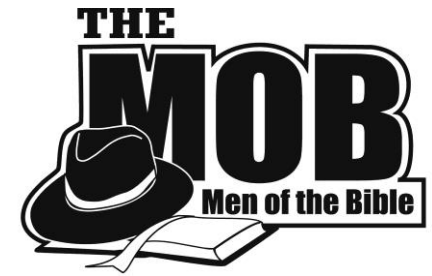
## 3 John 3 (ESV)

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# Last Week



**Greeting**

[2 John 1-3](#)

**Walking in Truth and Love**

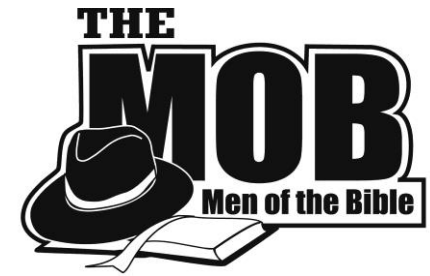
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**Final Greetings**

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# This Week



**Greeting**

[3 John 1-4](#)

**Support and Opposition**

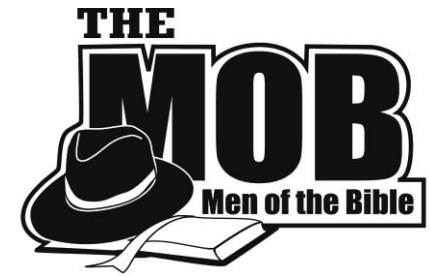
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# 3 John Outline

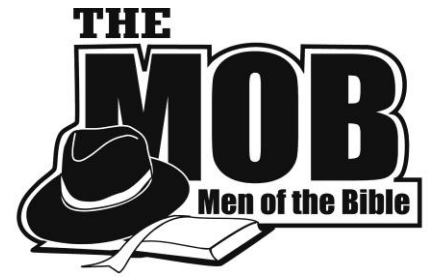


<b>Focus</b>	<b>Abide in God's Commandments</b>			<b>Abide NOT with False Teachers</b>		
<b>Reference</b>	1	2 – 4	5 – 8	9 – 11	12	13 - 15
<b>Division</b>	Salutation	Godliness of Gaius	Generosity of Gaius	Pride of Diotrephes	Praise of Demetrius	Benediction
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Servanthood</b>			<b>Selfishness</b>		
	<b>Duty of Hospitality</b>			<b>Danger of Haughtiness</b>		
<b>Time</b>	Written in <b>Ephesus</b> around <b>90 AD</b>					





# 3 John 1-4 (ESV) Greeting

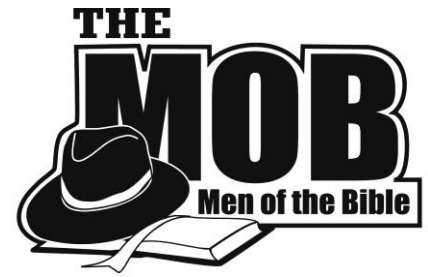


<sup>1</sup> The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. <sup>3</sup> For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.



## 3 John 5-12 (ESV) Support and Opposition

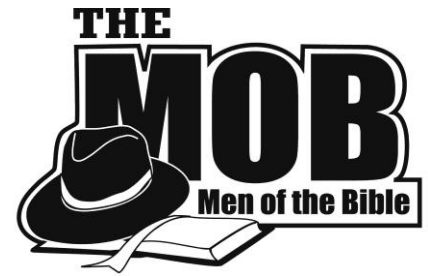


<sup>5</sup> Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, <sup>6</sup> who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup> For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.





## 3 John 5-12 (ESV) Support and Opposition

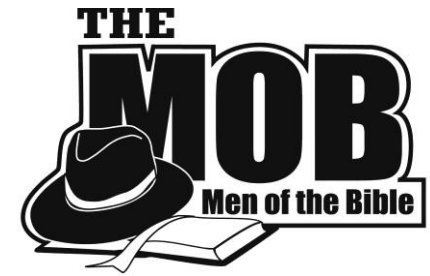


<sup>9</sup> I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.



## 3 John 13-15 (ESV) Final Greetings



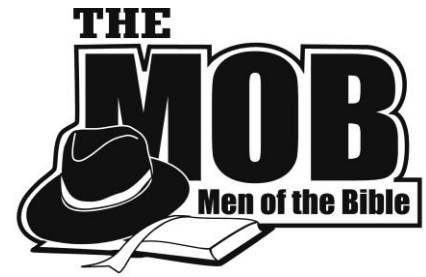
<sup>13</sup> I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

<sup>15</sup> Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.



## 3 John 1-4

### Greeting - Observation, Interpretation, Application

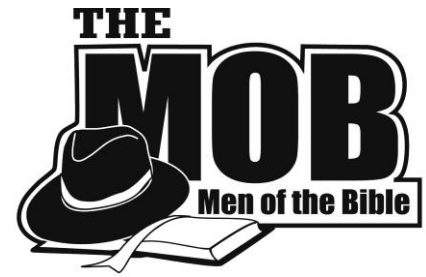


- O1: Apostle had special affection for Gaius ([v1,5](#))
- I: [v4](#) suggests Gaius maybe a personal convert
- A: John cared for all his flock; “little children” ([1 John 2:1, 12, 18](#)), “love in the truth” ([2 John 1](#))
  
- O2: Praises Gaius for “spiritual health”
- I: Maybe praying for restored physical health?
- A: You can be spiritually healthy even when physically unhealthy or vice versa ([2 Corinth 4:16](#))



## 3 John 1-4

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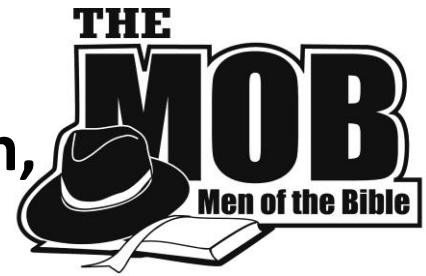


- O3: Gaius earned reputation as, “walking in truth” - multiple witnesses
- I: Gaius studied, absorbed, and lived out God’s Word. The Truth was woven into his fabric. See [Psalm 1:1-3](#) and [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)
- A: Gaius lived out the Truth daily. (Wiersbe: “The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to reveal the Son of God, and then enable us to obey the will of God and ‘walk in truth’.”)



## 3 John 5-12

### Support & Opposition - Observation, Interpretation, Application

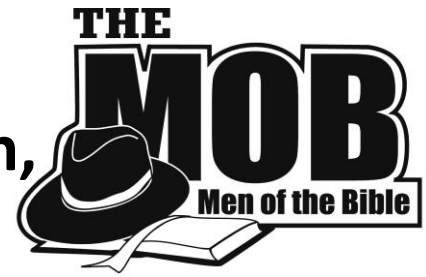


- O1: Gaius “faithfully” aided brothers ministering the Word (gift of service?). Encouraged to continue assisting in, “manner worthy of God.”
- I: Gaius used discernment in who he served (“the brothers”); contrast [2 John](#) (“deceivers”)
- A: Gaius encouraged church brethren & visitors. ([Hebrews 13:2](#)) Practical Man: Opened home, gave money, etc. ([Titus 3:13](#)) Proved his faith by his works ([James 2:14-16](#)); in deeds, not words ([1 John 3:14-16](#)).



## 3 John 5-12

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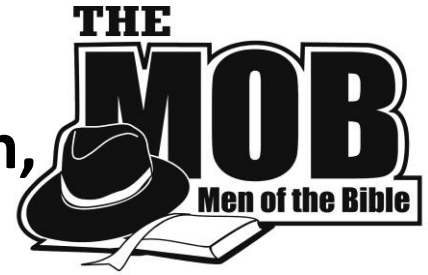


- O2: Christians should be motivated to serve. Gaius was motivated to serve.
- I: Gaius is an example for us to emulate today.
- A: MOB members have reasons to serve:
  - Honors God ([Matthew 10:40](#))
  - Witness to the Unsaved ([Luke 10:7](#), [Genesis 14:21-24](#))
  - Obedience to God ([Galatians 6:6,10](#))
  - To be a fellow Worker ([Philippians 4:17](#))



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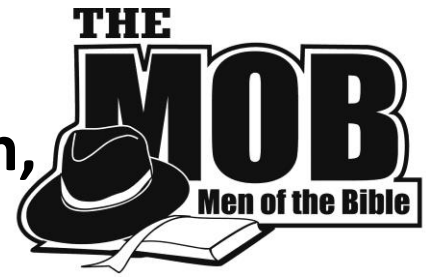


- O3: Diotrephes the dictator, self-promoter; did not receive John & associates; lied about apostle
- I: Diotrephes motivated by pride; replaced preeminence of Jesus, claimed for himself.
- A: Error evident in many organizations, even disciples argued over position! ([Matthew 18:1](#))
  - John the Baptist established NT guideline ([John 3:30](#))
  - Jesus: Perfect example of humble servant ([Phil 2:1](#))
  - Warning Notice: Avoid gossips & Test the spirits



## 3 John 5-12

### Support & Opposition - Observation, Interpretation, Application



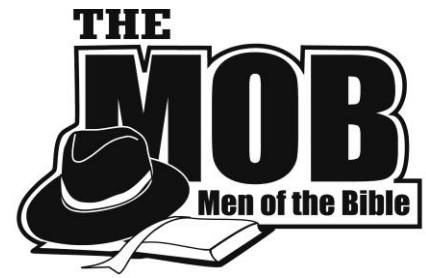
- O4: Demetrius the exemplar, an ideal model
- I: Demetrius was approved by three sources: church members, the Word, and Apostle John
- A: John encourages Gaius (and us) to imitate good, not evil. ([Hebrews 10:24](#))
  - John endorses godly exemplars of Christ ([Phil 3:17](#))
  - Leaders: Encourage the faithful, warn false teachers, and wisely confront those who obstruct the truth.





## 3 John 13-15

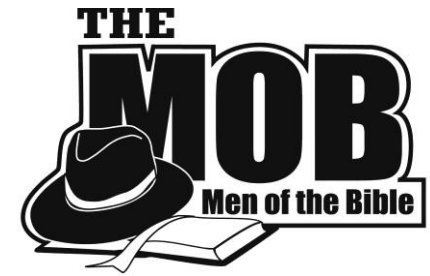
### Final Greetings - Observation, Interpretation, Application



- O1: Much to tell you. I'll soon talk to you in person. Peace to you.
- I: Hold fast. Don't be discouraged. Help is on the way. Be assured you are living out the truth.
- A: In this world, expect opposition and difficulty.
  - [2 John](#), elect lady warned against outside deceiver
  - [3 John](#), Gaius strengthened against insider threat



# Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer