

## OWNit365 Bible Reading Tips

To assist you in making the most of your Bible reading, we offer the following:

- Background and overview information about the book
- Thoughts and questions for your personal reflection and observation
- Questions that you can use in a small group setting
- Something to look for in each chapter

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## 3John

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### Reason for the Book of 3John

The book of **3John** is John's letter to a friend commending his good works and warning him about proud men (like Diotrephes).

John's friend, Gaius has found Jesus as the way. In contrast, Diotrephes has found the world as the way.

### How 3John Relates to 1John and 2John

In **John 14:6**, Christ told us He is the way, the truth, and the life. When comparing **3John** to **1John** and **2John**, we see that John has portrayed those three aspects of Christ in his letters.

<b>1John</b>	Jesus the Life
<b>2John</b>	Jesus the Truth
<b>3John</b>	Jesus the Way

You will notice some overlap of these aspects of Christ in the three letters. This is not surprising since John is well aware that they are tightly interwoven. It's difficult to consider each entirely by itself.

### Outline

- Gaius as a Commendable Christian (**3John 1-8**)
- Diotrephes as a Conceited Christian (**3John 9-10**)
- Demetrius as a Consistent Christian (**3John 11-12**)
- John as a Caring Christian (**3John 13-14**)

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## Personal Reflection and Application

In **3John**, which of Gaius' behaviors demonstrated that he knew Jesus as the way? In your everyday life, what do your actions say about you? If someone you don't know watched you every minute of a typical day, what would he

or she conclude? Would his or her conclusion be that you are caught up in the cares of the world or would it be clear that you have discovered Jesus as the way?

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## Small Group Conversation Guide

Read **3John** together. Make a 2-column list; compare the behaviors of Gaius to the behaviors of Diotrephes.

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## Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find.

Try this: What brought more joy to John than anything else