

THE DEEDS OF TWO MEN

III John 9-14

Introduction:

- A. The church were Gaius attended had in its membership, at least, three men.
 - 1. Gaius.
 - 2. Diotrepthes.
 - 3. Demetrius.
 - 4. The three men named.

- B. Gaius is the hospitable brother.
 - 1. The truth is in him and he walks in it.
 - 2. He cares for the evangelists. vs. 6

- C. These two remaining men are known by their deeds.
 - 1. Diotrophes sought to be elevated.
 - 2. Demetrius was a good man.

I . THE DEEDS OF DIOTREPHTHES VS. 9-10

- A. He loved the "pre-eminence." vs. 9
 - 1. love, to be first, hold the first place.
 - 2. Was probably a great natural leader.

- B. He would not receive John's witness. vs. 9
 - 1. receiveth not = to accept, to receive gladly, to accept authority, to welcome.
 - 2. He rejected John and other men of God.

- C. He made false charges. vs. 10
 - 1. "wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds, prating against us with malicious words."
 - 2. remember = to remind.
 - 3. prating against = to overflow with talk, to prate about, to tattle.

- D. He wanted them cast out of the church.
 - 1. "and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church."
 - a. content = to be satisfied with a thing, to be contented to do.
 - b. receive = to admit.
 - c. forbid = to cut off, to weaken.
 - d. casteth = to throw out, keeps trying to throw out.

I I . F O L L O W G O O D M E N . V S . 1 1

- A. "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good."
 - 1. follow = to mimic, to imitate.
- B. "He that doeth good is of God, but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."
 - 1. Follow the good men.

I I I . T H E D E E D S O F D E M E T R I U S V S . 1 2

- A. "Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of truth itself."
 - 1. witness = to be well testified of.
- B. "yea, and we also bear record, and ye know that our record is true."
 - 1. John guaranteed his goodness.