OUTLINE OF 3 JOHN

1A THE COMMENDATION OF GAIUS chap 1:1-8

- 1B John's greeting chap 1:1-2
 - 1C John expresses his deep love for Gaius chap 1:1
 - 2C John expresses his heartfelt prayer for Gaius chap 1:2
- 2B John commends Gaius for his walk in the truth chap 1:3-4
 - 1C Gaius knew the truth chap 1:3a
 - 2C Gaius lived the truth chap 1:3b-4
- 3B John commends Gaius for his work of love chap 1:5-8
 - 1C Gaius had been ministering hospitality to others chap 1:5-6a
 - 2C Gaius should continue ministering hospitality to others chap 1:6b-7
 - 3C Gaius furthers the truth by his hospitality to others chap 1:8

2A THE CONDEMNATION OF DIOTREPHES chap 1:9-11

- 1B John condemns him for his character chap 1:9
- 2B John condemns him for his conduct chap 1:10
 - 1C Toward John chap 1:10a
 - 2C Toward the brethren chap 1:10b
- 3B John condemns him for his corruption chap 1:11
- 3A THE CONFIRMATION OF DEMETRIUS chap 1:12
 - 1B He has a good report of all men chap 1:12a
 - 2B He has a good report of the truth itself chap 1:12b
 - 3B He has a good report of the apostle and his church chap 1:12c

4A THE CONCLUSION OF JOHN chap 1:13-14

1B John will visit Gaius soon chap 1:13-14a

2B John conveys and requests greetings among the brethren chap 1:14b

THEME: Continue to do the right thing, in spite of opposition and rejection

Key verse: 3 John 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.