

3 John

Evaluating the Pattern of Your Life

3 John presents two patterns of life and asks – which will you follow?

1) Take Trouble for the Gospel (v.2-8)

Gaius reveals four marks of one who takes trouble for the gospel.

a) Marked by _____ (v.3-4)

b) Marked by _____ (v.5)

c) Marked by _____ (v.6)

John 13:35 » By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

d) Marked by _____ (v.7-8)

2 Cor 11:9 » when the brethren came from Macedonia they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so.

2 Cor 9:6-8 » Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

2) Make trouble for the gospel (v.9-10)

Diotrephes displays four marks of one who makes trouble for the gospel.

a) Marked by _____ words

b) Marked by _____ of hospitality

1 John 3:17 » But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

2 Cor 8:2-4 » in a great ordeal of affliction, their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord, ⁴ begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

c) Marked by _____ the faithful

d) Marked by _____

How will you respond to the gospel and those who labor for the gospel?