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## 1-Expose the Unfaithful (v9-10)

- Diotrephes' Evil—congregational leader who loves power
  - *Rejecting the Apostle John's written instructions*
  - *Slandering John's character*
  - *Refusing to host John's faithful messengers*
  - *Forbidding and removing church members who want to host them*
- John's Response—public rebuke
  - *Exposes Diotrephes by letter (3 John)*
  - *Plans to come and expose him before the church*

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## 2-Encourage the Faithful (v11-15)

- Instructs Gaius: Keep doing good!
- Commends Demetrius: Receive him!
- Conveys Christian Greetings: Stay Connected!