III JOHN - Part 2
Reference: III John verses 9-14
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There are **three men** mentioned in this small book: **Gaius** in **verses 1-8, Diotrephes** in **verses 9** and **10** and **Demetrius** in **verse 12.**

verse ten, *"Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does..."*
John goes on to mention four things (deeds) that Diotrephes did. He was:

One *"prating against us with malicious words"*

> Reference: **I Timothy 5:19** and **20** (see screen)

> Three basic rules we should consider before we make a comment about someone else
> * Is something _____
> * Is something _____
> * Is something _____

Two *"…and not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren"*

> Remember Gaius _____ people and Diotrephes _____ people.

Three *"…and forbids those who wish to"*

Four… *"…putting them out of the church"*

Diotrephes was a cantankerous miserable human being! There are certain things someone can do that almost guarantee becoming that miserable.

* Be preoccupied with _____ about ourselves
* Be preoccupied with _____ about ourselves
* Expect _____ and get upset if it doesn't happen
* Be _____ and even cynical of others
* Be _____ of others' positions, possessions, and particular abilities
* Never forgive and/or forget a _____

* Push and push to get others to _____ with our thoughts and opinions
* Base our _____ _____ on how others see us and not on who we are in Christ
* Practice _____ _____ and do only the bare minimum for others

But Diotrephes' core problem is mentioned in **verse nine**, *"…but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them…"*

The word "preeminence" means to be _____ in _____.

This means Diotrephe's core problem was _____.

The **third gentleman** mentioned in this small book is **Demetrius**, in one sentence, Demetrius _____ people.

There are two men in the New Testament named Demetrius: one is mentioned in **Acts 19:24-41 and then the** second Demetrius mentioned here in **verse twelve**. Demetrius attracted people because he had such an outstanding reputation.

verse twelve, *"Demetrius has **a good testimony** from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true".*