

“Church life can be messy”

Third John

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The problem with Diotrephes

- He lacked humility
- *Mark 9:35, Philippians 2:3-5, James 4:10*
- He didn't recognize authority
- *Titus 3:1*
- He spread gossip
- *1 Timothy 5:13,19*
- He was inhospitable
- He was abusive
- *2 Timothy 3:1-5*

Four attributes to imitate

1 Corinthians 11:1

1. Love in truth

- *Ephesians 1:13*
- To be Christ centered is to be word centered
- It is not unloving to confront people who are in error
- *Matthew 18:15-17*

2. Walk in truth

- Live a life in obedience to the Word of God

3. Work in truth

- Cooperate with the truth by cooperating with others

4. Testify in truth

- We care about our reputation but we care about the truth more

Colossians 1:10

All of life, work, ministry, finances, church is to be done in a manner worthy of God