

Complete Joy

a study of the third letter from John / 13-15

... do not imitate what is evil but what is _____ . (11a-b)

How does our Lord want us to go about imitating what is good?

We are doing what our Lord wants when we ...

1. Refuse to be like _____ .

a. The letter.

(1) Diotrephes is _____ .

I wrote to the church,
but Diotrephes, *who loves to be first*, will not welcome us. (9)

(2) Diotrephes is _____ .

So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing,
spreading malicious nonsense about us. (10a-c)

(3) Diotrephes is _____ .

Not satisfied with that,
he even *refuses to welcome other believers*. (10d-e)

(4) Diotrephes is _____ .

He also stops those who want to do so
and *puts them out of the church*. (10f)

b. The lesson.

(1) The _____ .

Dear friend, *do not imitate what is evil but what is good*. (11a-b)

(2) The _____ .

Anyone who does what is good is from God.
Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. (11c-d)

2. Remember to be like _____ .

a. Demetrius is appreciated by the _____ .

Demetrius is *well spoken of by everyone* - and even by the truth. (12a-b)

b. Demetrius is appreciated by the _____ .

We also speak well of him,
and you know that our testimony is true. (12a-b)

Jesus said, "I have set you an _____ ..." (John 13:15)

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