
Workers for the Truth, pt. 2

I. Diotrophes – the downfall of a truth worker (vv. 9-10)

- a. Letting pride take pride of place

- b. Letting pride grow

- c. Pride's downward spiral

II. Demetrius – the reputation of a truth worker (vv. 11-12)

- a. Do not imitate evil but good
 - 1) Command to *Gaius*
 - 2) No middle ground
 - 3) Who we really are
 - 4) Good Demetrius

III. Gaius and John – the longings of a truth worker (vv. 13-15)

- a. Long for full-fledged fellowship

- b. Long for gospel comfort

- c. Long for true friendship

Digging Deeper:

1. What lessons about pride can we learn from Diotrophes and how can we help each other pursue humility?
2. Demetrius received a good testimony "from the truth itself." What might have been some characteristics of Demetrius' life that gave John reason to say this?
3. Pick one of three longings of a truth worker. What are some ways we can kindle this longing at BCO?