1 ¶ The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.
2 ¶ Beloved, I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
3 ¶ For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in truth.
4 ¶ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth.
5 ¶ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and especially for strangers,
6 who have borne witness of your love before the church. You will do well to support them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.
7 ¶ For they went forth for the sake of the Name, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
8 ¶ Therefore, we ought to show hospitality to such men so that we might be fellow workers for the truth.
9 ¶ I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us.
10 ¶ Therefore, if I come I will remember his deeds that he does, unjustly accusing us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who would. And he casts them out of the church.
11 ¶ Beloved, do not follow what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is from God. He who does evil has not seen God.
12 ¶ Demetrius has a good report from all, and of the truth itself. And we also bear testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.
13 ¶ I had many things to write to you, but I will not with ink and pen write them to you.
14 ¶ But I hope to see you shortly and we will speak face to face. Peace be to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

a 2 Jn 1  b 2 Jn 4  c 1 Th 2:19,20  d 1 Co 4:15  e 1 Co 9:12,15  f Mt 10:40  g Pv 10:8,10  h Ps 34:14; 37:27  i 1 Jn 2:29; 3:10  j 1 Jn 3:10  k 1 Tm 3:7  l 1 Jn 19:35; 21:24  m 2 Jn 12