

Thinking Further for Extra Credit

1. What was Diotrephes doing? What did John do about Diotrephes?
2. Today, in the church, do some engage in behavior like Diotrephes?
3. What did John say about good and evil? How did John describe a person who does good and a person who does evil? Apply John's teaching to a person in a church who practices evil? What can be done to help that person?
4. What did John say about Demetrius? Can you think of a person like Demetrius in your church? What stands out about that person?
5. Think about the topics and the people John wrote about. Why do you think he wrote, "I would rather not write with pen and ink"? What type of discernment or wisdom might have motivated him to make that decision? How might you apply that to some of the types of things you say and do?