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DARE TO BE A GAIUS

The apostle John wrote three epistles around the time of his imprisonment on the Island of Patmos about 90 A.D. Being elderly in the flesh, he now assumed the role of an elder (similar to a pastor) of the Christian church as a whole. The church had been in existence roughly seventy years.

Third John features a letter to Gaius, a well-beloved brother. John wishes three specific blessings upon Gaius: Verse 1 – prosperity; Verse 2 – divine health; and verse 3 – wisdom and understanding [soul prosperity].

John then praises Gaius for certain of his attributes: [1] the truth within him. [2] his faithful service to the fellow believers [3] his ministry to strangers (the unconverted) [4] his love for the church as seen in verse 6  
[ 5] his assistance to traveling ministers seen in verses 6-8 as they take forth the gospel to the unconverted gentiles as missionary evangelists.

These five attributes should be found in each of us. Let us be like Gaius. In that way, the light of Christ will shine forth from within us both to the church and to the unsaved world.

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