

The UnLeader Is Not Cool!

It's Time to Man Up

Lesson 4

*7-Up, the **UnCola**, may be cool and refreshing,
but the **UnLeader** is **not cool** and **certainly not refreshing** to those around him.*

Defining Masculinity

Masculinity is the courage to “man up” and be the man God created you to be & Christ saves you to become!

Masculinity is the courage to take the initiative to lead, love, provide, and protect others with the character that God requires and supplies for His Glory and the good of others—especially women, children, and the local church.

The True Leaders in 3 John

- The **Author** of the Letter = The **Apostle John** who calls himself “The Elder”
- The **Recipient** of the Letter = **Gaius** who John calls “beloved” and who most likely was one of the leaders in the church.
- The **Deliverer**(?) of the Letter = **Demetrius** who has a good testimony with both insiders and outsiders.

The UnLeader in 3 John

- The **Antagonist** of the Letter = **Diotrephes** who loves to put himself first!

Seven Marks of the UnLeader ~ 3 John 9-12

1. An UnLeader Is an _____.

“...Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first...” 3 John 9a

Mark 10:41–45; 9:33-36; Luke 20:45-47; Matthew 23:2-10; 10:2; 1 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Mark 10:28-31

*And [Christ] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18*

2. An UnLeader Is _____.

“I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority.” 3 John 9b



3. An UnLeader Is _____.

"So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us." 3 John 10

True leaders in the Home and Church Walk their Talk – Their Lives Are True and Their Words Are True!

- They deal with what is false in their own lives and the lives of those they lead.
- They speak words that are true and build up others and the church.
- They squelch gossip, slander, backbiting, and all such destructive talk.

4. An UnLeader Is _____.

"And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers..." 3 John 10

5. An UnLeader Is _____.

"... and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church." 3 John 10

6. An UnLeader Is _____ and possibly _____.

"Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God." 3 John 11

Diotrephes Failed All Three of John's Tests for Being a True Believer:

- The **TRUTH TEST** (Beliefs) ~ 1John 4:4-6
- The **LOVE TEST** (Brethren) ~ 1John 2:9-11; 3:9-10
- The **GOOD TEST** (Behavior) ~ 1John 2:4-6; 3:6, 16-19

7. An UnLeader Is _____.

"Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true." 3 John 11

3-fold Testimony that Qualifies Men for Spiritual Leadership in the Local Church:

- Respectability: A subjective testimony from all people
- Integrity: An objective testimony from the Truth itself
- Authenticity: An authoritative testimony from other true leaders

"The example of Demetrius shows that a man's worth can be measured by his reputation in the community, his faithfulness to the truth of Scripture, and the opinion godly Christian leaders have of him. Demetrius received high marks on all counts." ~John MacArthur

Man Up and Be a True Leader!

Be a servant leader that others can follow in fulfilling God's mission through our local church—one that is teachable, true, loving, cooperative, saved and qualified to lead God's people in fulfilling God's purposes.

