

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 UNSERVANT.

“...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 UNTEACHABLE.

“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 UNTRUE = UNJUST/UNFAIR/UNKIND.

"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 UNLOVING.

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

5. An UnLeader Is UNCOOPERATIVE.

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

6. An UnLeader Is UNGODLY and possibly UNSAVED.

"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 UNQUALIFIED.

"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

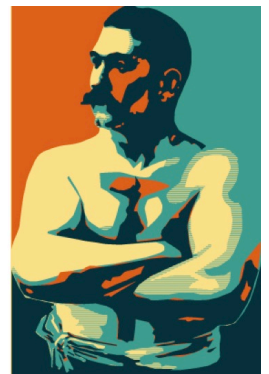
3-fold Testimony that Qualifies Men for Spiritual Leadership in the Local Church:

- Respectability: A subjective testimony from all people—*both those inside and outside the church.*
- Integrity: An objective testimony from the Truth itself—*God's Word (or Spirit) personified as a witness giving testimony.*
- Authenticity: An authoritative testimony from other true leaders—*Godly leaders who you already know and trust give their testimony.*

"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.



The UnLeader: Diotrophes 3 John 9-12 The True Leader: Gaius & Demetrius	
UnServant <i>Loves to put self first</i> <i>Exploits people to serve self</i>	Servant <i>Loves to put Christ and others first</i> <i>Equips people to serve God and others</i>
Unteachable <i>Refuses to listen and learn from others</i> <i>Rejects the authority of others</i>	Teachable <i>Rejoices to listen and learn from others</i> <i>Respects the authority of others</i>
Untrue • Unjust • Unkind <i>Walks in the lie</i> <i>Spreads false accusations</i> <i>Characterized by false living</i> <i>Shifts blame for breakdowns</i> <i>Tears others down</i>	True • Just • Kind <i>Walks in the truth</i> <i>Squelches false accusations</i> <i>Challenges false living</i> <i>Takes responsibility for breakdowns</i> <i>Builds others up</i>
Unloving <i>Closed off to others</i> <i>Drives followers</i> <i>Shuts down differing viewpoints</i>	Loving <i>Open to others</i> <i>Coaches followers</i> <i>Benefits from differing viewpoints</i>
Uncooperative <i>Says, "I" and works as a loner</i> <i>Drives people apart</i> <i>Inspires fear and competition</i>	Cooperative <i>Says, "We" and works as a team</i> <i>Brings people together</i> <i>Inspires trust and cooperation</i>
Ungodly and Possibly Unsaved <i>Does what is bad and temporary</i> <i>Does what is best for self</i> <i>Builds barriers to spreading the gospel</i> <i>Seeks to glorify self</i> <i>Behavior calls into question beliefs and birthright</i>	Saved and Positively Godly <i>Does what is good and eternal</i> <i>Does what is best for others</i> <i>Builds bridges to spread the gospel</i> <i>Seeks to glorify God</i> <i>Behavior confirms beliefs and birthright</i>
Unqualified <i>Lacks respectability with others</i> <i>Lacks integrity with the Truth</i> <i>Lacks authenticity with godly leaders</i> <i>Don't imitate or be influenced by such leaders</i>	Qualified <i>Respectability: Subjective testimony of everyone</i> <i>Integrity: Objective testimony of the Truth</i> <i>Authenticity: Authoritative testimony of godly leaders</i> <i>Imitate and be influenced by such leaders</i>

- Make sure you KNOW CHRIST as your Savior and Lord.
- Take steps to GROW in CHRIST through the Discovery Hour, Small Groups, and One-on-One Discipleship
- Begin to SHOW CHRIST by giving and serving in some capacity on a regular basis.
- Be ready to GO with CHRIST by sharing what God is doing in your life, your family, and our church on a daily basis.