

*Look At You!  
III John 9-11*

*We live in a society that places premium value on physical appearance*

*It has become an acceptable substitute for inner character or personal talent*

*Self-image is a complicated topic in today's Christian community:*

- *“False humility” - I am of no worth*
- *“Ungodly vanity” – I can do anything*

*Diotrophes had a prideful character that made him a tyrant in the church*

*As we investigate Diotrophes' makeup, we begin to see God's definition of a healthy, successful self-image*

*Realize Pride Tarnishes Our Personality v9*

- *Diotrophes – “Zeus nourished”*
- *Apparently accepted the Gospel but kept his pagan name*
- *Diotrophes ignored and perhaps hid instruction from the Apostle John*
- *You can use godly things to promote pride of self!*

*Understand that Grace Creates a Loving Attitude v10*

- *Classic example of gracelessness:*
  - *Critical tongue*
  - *Exclusive circle of friends*
  - *Domination*
  - *Intimidation*
- *We who have tasted God's grace need to exercise the same towards others*

*Remember to Chose Your Heroes Carefully v11*

- *Diotrophes was exposed as a phony*
- *John reminds Gaius to imitate that which is good*
- *Choose heroes that stand for the truth*
- *Truth will be modeled in your personality*