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¹ The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

Elder – [NT:4245](#) πρεσβύτερος **presbuteros** (pres-boo'-ter-os); comparative of presbus (elderly); older; as noun, a senior; specifically, an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian "presbyter":

KJV - elder (-est), old.

Wellbeloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:

KJV - (dearly, well) beloved, dear.

Love – [NT:25](#) ἀγαπάω **agapao** (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from **agan** (much) [or compare [OT:5689](#)]; to love (in a social or moral sense):

KJV - (be-) love (-ed). Compare [NT:5368](#).

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, ^xtruly, truth, verity.

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² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Beloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:

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Wish – [NT:2172](#) εὐχομαι **euchomai** (yoo'-khom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to wish; by implication, to pray to God: **KJV** - pray, will, wish.

Prosper – [NT:2137](#) εὐοδῶ **euodoo** (yoo-od-o'-o); from a compound of [NT:2095](#) and [NT:3598](#); to help on the road, i.e. (passively) succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs: **KJV** - (have a) prosper (-ous journey).

Health – [NT:5198](#) ὑγιαίνω **hugiaino** (hoog-ee-ah'-ee-no); from [NT:5199](#); to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine): **KJV** - be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some).

Soul – [NT:5590](#) ψυχή **psuche** (psoo-khay'); from [NT:5594](#); breath, i.e. (by implication) spirit, abstractly or concretely (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from [NT:4151](#), which is the rational and immortal soul; and on the other from [NT:2222](#), which is mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew [OT:5315](#), [OT:7307](#) and [OT:2416](#)): **KJV** - heart (+-ily), life, mind, soul, ^{*}us, ^{*}you.

Prospereth – [NT:2137](#) εὐοδῶ **euodoo** (yoo-od-o'-o); from a compound of [NT:2095](#) and [NT:3598](#); to help on the road, i.e. (passively) succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs: **KJV** - (have a) prosper (-ous journey).

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³ For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

Rejoiced – [T:5463](#) χαίρω **chairo** (khah'-ee-ro); a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy (-fully), rejoice.

Greatly – [NT:3029](#) λίαν **lian** (lee'-an); of uncertain affinity; much (adverbially):

KJV - exceeding, great (-ly), sore, very (+chiefest).

Testified – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, ^xtruly, truth, verity.

Walkest – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

KJV - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

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⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Greater – [NT:3186](#) μειζότερος **meizoteros** (mide-zot'-er-os); continued comparative of [NT:3187](#); still larger (figuratively): **KJV** - greater.

Joy – [NT:5479](#) χαρά **chara** (khar-ah'); from [NT:5463](#); cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight:

KJV - gladness, ^xgreatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

Hear – [NT:191](#) ἀκούω **akouo** (ak-oo'-o); a primary verb; to hear (in various senses):

KJV - give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), ([shall]) hear (-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand.

Children – [NT:5043](#) τέκνον **teknon** (tek'-non); from the base of [NT:5088](#); a child (as produced): **KJV** - child, daughter, son.

Walk – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

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⁵ Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

Beloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:

KJV - (dearly, well) beloved, dear.

Faithfully – [NT:4103](#) πιστός **pistos** (pis-tos'); from [NT:3982](#); objectively, trustworthy;

subjectively, trustful: **KJV** - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

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⁶ Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

Borne witness – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

Charity – [NT:26](#) ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from [NT:25](#); love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:

KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Church – [NT:1577](#) ἐκκλησία **ekklesia** (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of [NT:1537](#) and a derivative of [NT:2564](#); a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): **KJV** - assembly, church.

Bring forward on their journey – [NT:4311](#) προπέμπω **propempe** (prop-em'-po); from [NT:4253](#) and [NT:3992](#); to send forward, i.e. escort or aid in travel:

KJV - accompany, bring (forward) on journey (way), conduct forth.

After a godly sort – [NT:516](#) ἄξιως **axios** (ax-ee'-oce); adverb from [NT:514](#); appropriately: **KJV** - as becometh, after a godly sort, worthily (-thy).

...and from - [NT:3588](#) ὁ **ho** (ho); including the feminine **he** (hay); and the neuter **to** (to); in all their inflections; the def. article; the (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted, in English idiom): **KJV** - the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc..

...and from – [NT:2316](#) θεός **theos** (teh'-os); of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with [NT:3588](#)) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: **KJV** - *exceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

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⁷ Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

Name's – [NT:3686](#) ὄνομα **onoma** (on'-om-ah); from a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:1097](#) (compare [NT:3685](#)); a "name" (literally or figuratively) [authority, character]: **KJV** - called, (+sur-) name (-d).

Went forth – [NT:1831](#) ἐξέρχομαι **exerchomai** (ex-er'-khom-ahee); from [NT:1537](#) and [NT:2064](#); to issue (literally or figuratively):

KJV - come (forth, out), depart (out of), escape, get out, go (abroad, away, forth, out, thence), proceed (forth), spread abroad.

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⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

Ought – [NT:3784](#) ὀφείλω **opheilo** (of-i'-lo); or (in certain tenses) its prolonged form ophileo (of-i-leh'-o); probably from the base of [NT:3786](#) (through the idea of accruing); to owe (pecuniarily); figuratively, to be under obligation (ought, must, should); morally, to fail in duty:

KJV - behove, be bound, (be) debt (-or), (be) due (-ty), be guilty (indebted), (must) need (-s), ought, owe, should. See also [NT:3785](#).

Receive – [NT:5274](#) ὑπολαμβάνω **hupolambano** (hoop-ol-am-ban'-o); from [NT:5259](#) and [NT:2983](#); to take from below, i.e. carry upward; figuratively, to take up, i.e. continue a discourse or topic; mentally, to assume (presume):

KJV - answer, receive, suppose.

Might – [NT:1096](#) γίνομαι **ginomai** (ghin'-om-ahee); a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.):

KJV - arise, be assembled, be (-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, * God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, * soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

Fellowhelpers – [NT:4904](#) συνεργός **sunergos** (soon-er-gos'); from a presumed compound of [NT:4862](#) and the base of [NT:2041](#); a co-laborer, i.e. coadjutor:

KJV - companion in labour, (fellow-) helper (-labourer, -worker), labourer together with, workfellow.

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, * truly, truth, verity.

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⁹I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

Church – [NT:1577](#) ἐκκλησία **ekklesia** (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of [NT:1537](#) and a derivative of [NT:2564](#); a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): **KJV** - assembly, church.

Loveth to have the preeminence – [NT:5383](#) φιλοπρωτεύω **philoproteuo** (fil-op-rote-yoo'-o); from a compound of [NT:5384](#) and [NT:4413](#); to be fond of being first, i.e. ambitious of distinction: **KJV** - love to have the preeminence.

Receiveth – [NT:1926](#) ἐπιδέχομαι **epidechomai** (ep-ee-dekh'-om-ahee); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:1209](#); to admit (as a guest or [figuratively] teacher): **KJV** - receive.

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¹⁰ Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

Come – [NT:2064](#) ἔρχομαι **erchomai** (er'-khom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb (used only in the present and imperfect tenses, the others being supplied by a kindred [middle voice] eleuthomai (el-yoo'-thom-ahee); or [active] eltho (el'-tho); which do not otherwise occur); to come or go (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively):

KJV - accompany, appear, bring, come, enter, fall out, go, grow, **x** light, **x** next, pass, resort, be set.

Remember – [NT:5279](#) ὑπομιμνήσκω **hupomimnesko** (hoop-om-im-nace'-ko); from [NT:5259](#) and [NT:3403](#); to remind quietly, i.e. suggest to the (middle voice one's own) memory: **KJV** - put in mind, remember, bring to (put in) remembrance.

Deeds – [NT:2041](#) ἔργον **ergon** (er'-gon); from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act:

KJV - deed, doing, labour, work.

Prating against – [NT:5396](#) φλυαρέω **phluareo** (floo-ar-eh'-o); from [NT:5397](#); to be a babbler or trifler, i.e. (by implication) to berate idly or mischievously:

KJV - prate against.

Malicious – [NT:4190](#) πονηρός **poneros** (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of [NT:4192](#); hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, and thus differing from [NT:2556](#), which refers rather to essential character, as well as from [NT:4550](#), which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners:

KJV - bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also [NT:4191](#).

Words – [NT:3056](#) λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from [NT:3004](#); something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, **x** concerning, doctrine, fame, **x** have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, **+** reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, **x** speaker, speech, talk, thing, **+** none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

Content – [NT:714](#) ἀρκέω **arkeo** (ar-keh'-o); apparently a primary verb [but probably akin to [NT:142](#) through the idea of raising a barrier]; properly, to ward off, i.e. (by implication) to avail (figuratively, be satisfactory):

KJV - be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient.

Forbiddeth – [NT:2967](#) κωλύω **koluo** (ko-loo'-o); from the base of [NT:2849](#); to estop, i.e. prevent (by word or act):

KJV - forbid, hinder, keep from, let, not suffer, withstand.

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Would – [NT:1014](#) βούλομαι **boulomai** (boo'-lom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb.; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing:

KJV - be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing). Compare [NT:2309](#).

Casteth them out – [NT:1544](#) ἐκβάλλω **ekballo** (ek-bal'-lo); from [NT:1537](#) and [NT:906](#); to eject (literally or figuratively):

KJV - bring forth, cast (forth, out), drive (out), expel, leave, pluck (pull, take, thrust) out, put forth (out), send away (forth, out).

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¹¹ Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Beloved – [NT:27](#) ἀγαπητός **agapetos** (ag-ap-ay-tos'); from [NT:25](#); beloved:

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Follow – [NT:3401](#) μιμέομαι **mimeomai** (mim-eh'-om-ahee); middle voice from mimos (a "mimic"); to imitate: **KJV** - follow.

Evil – [NT:2556](#) κακός **kakos** (kak-os'); apparently a primary word; worthless (intrinsically, such; whereas [NT:4190](#) properly refers to effects), i.e. (subjectively) depraved, or (objectively) injurious: **KJV** - bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked.

Good – [NT:18](#) ἀγαθός **agathos** (ag-ath-os'); a primary word; "good" (in any sense, often as noun): **KJV** - benefit, good (-s, things), well. Compare [NT:2570](#).

Seen – [NT:3708](#) ὀράω **horao** (hor-ah'-o); properly, to stare at [compare [NT:3700](#)], i.e. (by implication) to discern clearly (physically or mentally); by extension, to attend to; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear:

KJV - behold, perceive, see, take heed.

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¹² Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

Good report – [NT:3140](#) μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from [NT:3144](#); to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

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Record – [NT:3141](#) μαρτυρία **marturia** (mar-too-ree'-ah); from [NT:3144](#); evidence given (judicially or genitive case): **KJV** - record, report, testimony, witness.

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¹³ I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

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¹⁴ But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.