# The Nonsense Talkers

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**Topic:**

**THE NONSENSE TALKERS**

**Bible Text: 2 John 1:9-10**

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**Prayer**

Father in the name of Jesus, Most Righteous Father, The Lord of All Flesh, The Almighty God, Lord we are before You tonight to learn Your Word again, Holy Spirit Divine we pray that You shall open our eyes of understanding, teach us Your Word, Help us to be doers of Your Word and not hearers alone in Jesus name. Father l pray you will help us to make Heaven at Last, prepare us for your coming and at the end of everything let all the glory belong to you and the blessing ours in Jesus mighty name.

**Introduction**

You're all welcome in Jesus' name. Today, we will be looking at a topic that concerns us so much especially in these last days and I beseech everyone of us to try as much as possible to follow carefully even as the Holy Spirit explains to us to activate a transformed life.

**Study**

**3 John 1:9-10 KJV**

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

John the beloved who was the only living apostle when this letter was written to Gaius, referred to himself as an elder and commended Gaius' hospitality saying he has no greater joy than to see his children walking in the truth, he also prayed for Gaius that he prospers just the same way his soul prospers, this shows that God is not only concerned about our physical health but is also concerned about our emotional and spiritual health. It's God's will that we are healthy bodily, this is why all those the Lord Jesus Christ came in contact with that were sick during His earthly ministry were

healed. He confirms that Gaius was already prospering soulwise which he sees as the first while the others should follow but today we are less concerned about soul prosperity like that of the body that would surely perish. We nourish our bodies at the expense of our souls which is the true us. True prosperity must cover all aspects of our lives. A good example of someone who might have prospered bodily/physically but not soul wise was then mentioned by John. **3 John 1:9 KJV I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.**

It was the custom of the apostles to write to the churches and their authority was recognised by the churches for they were built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, while Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone. **Ephesians 2:20 KJV And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ;** but it got to this point that John's letter got to someone whose soul has not gotten prosperous and he refused to acknowledge his letters. From what the apostles wrote this time, he made a reference to a letter he had written earlier to the church which the authorities did not recognise, probably it was destroyed by Diotrephes just because he was a church leader. Looking at this matter critically, we can see that even in the New Testament they had issues with those who present themselves as well nourished children of God who are able to take up leadership positions in the church whereas they are sick in their soul. Just like Diotrephes who refused to acknowledge the authority of apostle John there are many like that today who would not recognize or obey the authority of true church leaders. Only if he knew what it meant to refuse the directives of a true apostle, he wouldn't have done so. For any church that refuses to recognise the authority and directive of true apostleship ministry will soon go into apostasy. Diotrephes wanted popularity, he wanted the church to give him more importance, he loved to take the lead among them and put himself first.

Looking at the nature/character of Diotrephes one will see that if someone like him could be in the church where apostle John who was an apostle directly chosen by the Lord Jesus Christ was still alive, what do we expect now when none of them is alive physically here on Earth? Should we have expected something better or have expected that people like him will not be in our churches especially in a perilous time as this that Satan is working tirelessly to pull the church down? John said he refused to accept his

suggestions and listen to him. Diotrephes was probably an elder in the congregation with a controlling leadership style, not only did he not listen to John, he also would not accept guest speakers who may have been sent by John. His name means "nourished by Jupiter" little wonder that he behaved irrationally, when his name was attached to an idol, the chief Roman god, husband of Juno and god of light, sky and weather and of the states and its welfare and its laws.

There are many Diotrephes in the church today who were sent out and chosen by the leadership and authority of the church to head a local assembly but when money started coming in they refused to take directives from the authority of the church that sent them there. We have heard of a case where the leadership of a church in Nigeria sent a pastor to one of these European countries to lead the church but after sometime when this church grew and the pastor saw that money was coming in, he removed the sign board of the church and put his own there. This is a typical example of Diotrephes in the church's building. It is very clear that Diotreophes is earthly conscious than heavenly conscious which is why he is less concerned about the prosperity of his soul.

**3 John 1:10 KJV** **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**. John said when he comes over to visit them physically he would address the matter since his letters were not honored. He planned to call attention to what Diotrephes was doing, he would not keep silent as some would claim that it is not right to call evil, evil for it sounds judgemental. He went further to say some of the things Diotrephes did that calls for serious correction and rebuke if need be. He was prattling against them with malicious words. From this John made the character of Diotrephes known, he was the type that does the following:

1. **Evil accusations:** John did not tell us what he said but from this we can see that he was full-time into the ministry of the devil for the devil is the accuser of the brethren. **Revelation 12:10 KJV** **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night**. Those who love to accuse God's children falsely are into the devil's ministry full time. What kind of accusation could he have made against John who was

commissioned by the Lord Himself, but whatever thing it was it must have been done in order for him to gain more grounds in the church and respect by people. In the same way there are those who accuse true brethren charging them of wrongdoings which are not true just because of their self-interests. If you do this it means that you already know where you belong. It is most typical of false ministers to accuse true ministers wrongly so that they will be approved before men and have men swayed after them to damnation.

2. **Speaking lies:** Those who have the nature of accusing others to satisfy their egos are prone to lying. This was the case with Diotrephes, lies accompanied his accusations against John and it is clearly stated that all liars will be cast into the lake of fire. John loved the truth, how then can someone like that live in falsehood? Diotrephes' Satan-like nature would not make him say the truth **John 8:44 KJV Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it**. Those who are fond of telling lies should know that they are a problem to the church and not only to all those they relate with. Most liars hate it when they are confronted with the truth, there is no matter how long lies go, the truth will outlive it. There are many people that they tell lies against today.

- lies against siblings.

- lies against children

- lies against parents.

- lies against ministers of God.

- lies against brethren in the Church.

- lies against fellow workers. Etc

Some have given lies colors, red lies, blue lies, white lies, etc . God cannot be deceived no matter the color you paint a lie it remains a lie. To know deeply about lies, you can read our previous teaching titled Mystery Of Lies no matter how small/little a lie can be, it will take a person to hell.

3. **Uses insulting languages:** John the apostle complained about the insulting words that Diotrephes was using against him. Although he did not

mention those words verbatim, such words cannot be edifying nor would it minister grace to the hearers. **Ephesians 4:29 KJV Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers**. Insulting words are words given or intended to give offense; being or containing an insult. They are disrespectful words which give no honor to men, they are words that offend and create wounds in the hearts of men. The apostle was not happy with such words and plans to address the matter at his coming, such people exist today who can rain insults at everybody no matter who they are. Many have landed into troubles because of this, some have rained insults on their helpers without knowing. Insults come in many ways through abusive words, inappropriate jokes, jests, hate speeches etc Some even go as far as insulting servants of the living God, these are Diotreophes in the church. Sometimes ago, there was a particular so-called brother who was causing rancor here on this platform with some others, I removed him and the next thing he did was to message me privately and said he has never seen anyone as foolish as I am in his life and I told him "thank you" there was no point exchanging words with him. He was a Diotrephes, we will see that John did not insult Diotrephes despite all what he was saying against him.

Diotrephes would always be in the church because Satan too always wants to be present among the children of God. But woe to Diotrephes who would not change yet is listening to the words of eternal Life always, they are those who sell their Masters off through the words of their mouths just like Judas. Looking carefully, you will see that most of the offenses committed by the Diotrephes as complained by John were speeches from the mouth. In fact, all what he had been saying against John were nonsensical words. Always talking nonsense. I so much love the way the ESV Bible puts it.

**English Standard Version 3 John 1:10 So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church**. "Talking wicked nonsense!" That is a terrible thing. As it has been established from God's word, it is unfortunate that many are still nonsense talkers today yet go to church, many are even among the workforce right inside the church, there are many pastors today who are nonsense talkers yet they preach in the church. It is a pity that because of the high number of the unbelieving believers in the church today the numbers of nonsense talkers have increased. Who are the nonsense

talkers of our day? These are those who possess the characters of Diotrephes.

- These are those who accuse others falsely (Revelations 22:15, Proverbs 19:5)

- These are those who tell and make lies.

- They are those who use insulting words in person.

- They are those who slander people (Psalm 101:5)

- Those who gossip and backbites (Romans 1:28-30)

- Those who are involved in foolish talking and jesting (Ephesians 5:4)

-Those who sing songs that do not glorify God, (worldly songs). (colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19)

- Those who bear false witness, sowing discord among the brethren (Proverbs 6:19, 21:28)

- Those who speak evil of others (Titus 3:2, 1 Peter 2:1)

- Those who blaspheme (Psalm 74:18, Mark 3:29)

- Those who use worldly slang

Looking at the list above carefully, are you not also a nonsense talker? Please be assured that no nonsense talker will enter into the kingdom of God. God expects us all to be careful of what comes out of our mouths, grace and mercy is still available to us to amend our ways, have you not been a Diotrephes in your church and outside the church? start checking your life and start making necessary amendments now, don't be like Diotrephes who would wait until he is confronted physically with the truth.

**How To Stop Being A Nonsense Talker**

- Accept and acknowledge that you have been a nonsense talker.

- Be sorry for them and ask God to forgive you.

- Repent genuinely telling Jesus Christ to come into your heart; and accept him as your Lord and Savior genuinely (Romans 10 9-10)

- Be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

- Pray for heart purging, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

- Don't sit with the scornful or walk with sinners (Psalm 1:1)

- Commit yourself to the Lord daily through the meditation of God's words, prayer and fasting.

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