

The Chosen lady and the Conniving guests

2 John

Introductory Observations: (vv. 1-3)

- Author – Apostle John (elder “presbuteros”) – aged or old one
- Date – between 85 -95 AD
- Audience – “chosen lady” Is it a literal person or a symbolic name for the church in general? Most scholars – person.
- Churches met in houses.

Problems: (vv. 4-9)

- Not all preachers came with the right motive or a Godly message.
- The true love of hospitable guests was being taken advantage of by false “disciples” of Jesus. (vv. 4-5, John 13:34-35, 2 Thess. 3:6-13) **True love does not:**
 - Compromise the truth of God’s Word.
 - Compel someone to sin.
 - Cling to evil ways.

Solution: (vv. 10-13)

- Don’t be afraid or think it unloving to kick out a false teacher from your home. (reactive)
- Don’t just allow just any teacher into your home. (proactive)

Warning (v. 13) – Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner of these people.

Points to Ponder:

- True love serves one another with pure motives!
- True love does not seek to take advantage of one another!
- True love seeks to protect one another from harm!
- True love does not encourage ungodly behavior or beliefs!