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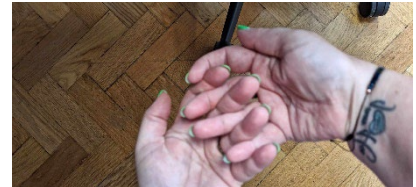
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Open the doors and see all the people.
Here is a person going upstairs,
Here they are saying their prayers.

I wonder if you could make up your own rhyme about the Church?



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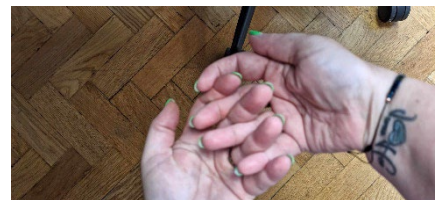
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These men have spoken to the group of believers here about your love. Please continue to help them when they visit you. Give them the things that they need to continue on their journey. That will make God happy. They are travelling to different places to tell people about Jesus Christ. They do not accept any gifts from those people who are not Christians. Because of that, we Christians must help them with the things that they need. In this way we will be working together with them as they tell people the true message about Christ.

Diotrephes is causing problems. I have already written something to the group of believers. But Diotrephes refuses to accept our authority. He really wants to be the only leader among them. So, when I arrive there myself, I will speak to the believers about this. I will tell them clearly about the bad things that Diotrephes is doing. He tells other people bad things about us that are not true. Even that is not enough for him. He himself refuses to welcome the believers who are visiting. He also stops anyone else who wants to welcome those visitors.^[a] Instead, he sends them away from the group of believers.

Copy what good people do. My friend do not copy what bad people do. Instead, you should copy the good things that people do. The person who does good things shows that he belongs to God.

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