

Encouraging One Another

1. Introduction:
2. We Must Meet Together
3. The Great Encourager:

4. Barnabas' First Example:

- A. The historical setting for this first example is _____. Acts 1
- B. The Holy Spirit has just been _____. Acts 2
- C. A tremendous _____ had begun. Acts 4:1-31
- D. The Christians responded to the persecution by _____ together in every way. Acts 4:32-35
- E. Barnabas was the _____. Acts 4:36-37
 1. This is not saying that Christians are to live in a communal society or that spiritual unity depends upon economic _____.
 2. Without question though, the Holy Spirit wanted Barnabas to be a _____ for us.
 3. Christians who share their material resources with others in order to meet human needs have a _____ of Encouragement.
 4. An Encourager is a person of _____, who has an eternal _____ and functions in _____.
 5. The needs of _____ become more important than one's own personal needs. Php 2:3 cf Heb 10:25
- F. Lessons for the 21st-Century Christian.
 1. From Barnabas we see that those who _____ themselves, including their material possessions, are Encouragers. 1 John 3:16-18
 2. Encouragers encourage others to do the _____, namely, walk the walk as well as talk the talk.
 3. An Encourager understands the difference between _____ and _____.
 4. For Personal Evaluation:
 - a. As a Christian, am I characterized more by _____ or _____? 2 Cor 9:5-8
 - b. Am I seeking _____ the Kingdom of God? Matt 6:33
 - c. Do the needs of others _____ me? Php 2:1-5

5. Barnabas' Second Example:

- A. In Jerusalem, orders were issued and carried by a man named _____ to bring back to Jerusalem all those who had become Christians. Acts 9:1-3
- B. On the road to _____, Saul was confronted by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Acts 9:4-9
- C. Saul's entire life _____. Acts 9:10-20
- D. This man then began to preach _____ and he himself came under persecution. Acts 9:21-25
- E. No one in the Christian community believed that Saul had converted, except _____, who stood up for him. Acts 9:26-31
- F. Some observations:
1. Barnabas received his name because of his encouraging _____.
 2. Barnabas had a basic concern for people, especially when they were being _____ by others.
 3. He was willing to _____ them when others would not.
 4. His actions were rooted in unselfishness and made him _____ to attack.
- G. Lessons for 21st-Century Christians:
1. An Encourager exemplifies Jesus Christ by his willingness to believe in people and to act on that belief by helping them, even when there is a personal _____.
 2. Remember that someone experiencing the pain of _____ probably needs some Encouragement.
 3. In spite of our hesitancy to trust others and defend them, we need to pray for a willingness to become _____ in the lives of others and the wisdom to know how.
 4. We must not let our own _____ of rejection from those we love and trust hinder our Encouragement of others.
 5. We may not trust people because we are unwilling to take a _____.
- H. An Encourager is a person of Faith in the Lord who functions in the power of the Holy Spirit to give others the benefit of the _____.
- I. Barnabas eternally touched Paul's ministry with his words of grace according to the need of the _____. Eph 4:29-30