

## Encouraging One Another

1. Introduction:
2. We Must Meet Together
3. The Great Encourager:
4. Barnabas' First Example:
5. Barnabas' Second Example:

### 6. Barnabas' Third Example:

- A. Setting the stage-an historical sketch. Rom 1 cf Gen 12:1-3
  1. The Gospel is for everyone. Rom 1
  2. The Abrahamic Covenant included even the Gentiles. Gen 12:1-3
- B. Peter's "Second Conversion." Acts 10:1-11:18
  1. Cornelius the Centurion's vision and instructions to get Simon Peter. 10:1-8
  2. Peter told to eat all the unclean foods previously forbidden. 10:9-16
  3. Cornelius' servants arrive to pickup Peter. 10:17-23
  4. Peter in the midst of Gentiles. 10:24-33
  5. Peter giving the Gospel to Gentiles. 10:34-43
  6. The Gentile Pentecost. 10:44-48
  7. Peter challenged by fellow Jews for association with the Gentiles. 11:1-3
  8. Peter's defense. 11:4-18
- C. The Church in Antioch. Acts 11:19-21
- D. Barnabas sent to Antioch. Acts 11:22-24
- E. Why was Barnabas chosen? Some observations.
  1. Barnabas had developed a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian world as an "Encourager," a man who was deeply concerned about people and who could get excited about the progress in others' lives.
  2. Another reason that they sent him was because of his \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications. Acts 11:24
  3. More than likely, he was also more free of \_\_\_\_\_ than the others.
  4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ as exemplified by recognizing when the church at Antioch needed a better teacher. Acts 11:25-26

5. He was \_\_\_\_\_ as exemplified by being selected to carry an offering to the Jerusalem saints during their time of famine. Acts 11:27-30

**F. Lessons for 21st-Century Christians:**

1. Christians should Encourage others by entering into their lives without being a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Christians should also Encourage others with their own \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyles.
3. Christians, of all people, should not be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Christians should be led of the Holy Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
5. Christians should also be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**G. For Self-Evaluation:**

1. Am I able to get \_\_\_\_\_ about the good things that happen to others?
2. Do I tell them that I am \_\_\_\_\_ for them?
3. Can I enter into their \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Am I living a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian lifestyle?
5. Am I able to \_\_\_\_\_ other people for who they are?
6. Do I look for the \_\_\_\_\_ in other people?
7. Can I freely associate with people who are \_\_\_\_\_ than I?
8. Am I willing to be a \_\_\_\_\_?

**H. An Encourager is a person of Faith!**

1. Barnabas demonstrated his faith in the Lord toward the church, its leaders, with his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He also displayed his faith in the Lord toward other people realizing that they too could \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Barnabas also had faith that others could \_\_\_\_\_, so he had no problem seeking help from others.
4. From landowner to donor, to helper, to leader, to pioneer missionary, Barnabas had an \_\_\_\_\_ ministry!