

Barnabas – More Than Meets the Eye

I. Provision Provider

A. *Acts 4:33-37*

1. He was led by the Holy Spirit and he obeyed.
2. It was/is God's to begin with, if He asked us to give it we need to obey and give it.

B. *Luke 6:38*

1. He will provide where He guides.
2. You can't out give God.
3. It is better to give than receive.
4. This principle doesn't only apply to money.

II. Prophetic Perspective

A. *Acts 9:26-28*

1. He saw God's hand on Paul before anyone else did.
2. He took Paul under his wing.
3. He mentored molded and shaped Paul into the Godly man that he became.
4. He did this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
5. Is it possible that Saul's 1st missionary journey was initiated by Barnabas?
6. If Barnabas had not obeyed God and had not done as God had directed him, where would Paul have been and where would the church be today.

B. *Acts 15:36-40*

1. He also took John Mark under his wing and mentored him as well.
2. Though Barnabas didn't write a book in the Bible, he was an influence on authors who wrote about 1/3 of the New Testament.

III. Power of Presence.

A. *Acts 11:19-22, 25-26*

1. Ministry is best done in person.
2. This was the beginning of Saul's ministry.
 - a. Saul preached and Barabas supported and ministered both to Saul and to those in the church.
3. God used them both and the church grew exponentially.
 - a. God used them both greatly to grow the church at Antioch to the 2nd largest church of the time. Jerusalem was the largest.

B. Personal Application

1. Be God's hands and arms.
2. A shared sunset is twice the joy. A shared flat tire is half the work.
3. Sometimes all that is needed is just your presence.

IV. Final Thoughts about Barnabas

A. He loved with his wallet

B. He loved with his words

C. He loved with his works.