

“R3 Investments”
(Acts 9:10-31; 2 Timothy 2:1-2)

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¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

- **“R” stands for Relationships**
- **“3” stands for 3 relationships every believer needs (a Barnabas, Paul, and Timothy)**

1. “R3” - First relationship we all need - “Encourager”

- Someone pulling for us, a fan/cheerleader**
- Ananias (Acts 9:10-18)**
- Barnabas (Acts 9:23-28)**
- Onesiphorus (2 Timothy 1:16-17)**

¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered,

“Lord, I have heard from many about this man,
how much harm he did to Your saints at
Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the
chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen
instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the
Gentiles and kings and the

sons of Israel; ¹⁶for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be

filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;

**Every believer needs an Ananias,
a Christian friend, who comes
to assist them in living for Christ.**

**Everyone can be an Ananias,
an encourager in Christ.**

²²But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ. ²³When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him, ²⁴but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they

might put him to death; ²⁵but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a large basket. ²⁶When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took

hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:22-27

¹⁶The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; ¹⁷but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me—

2 Timothy 1:16-17



**Check out these “R3” MSBC side by side vehicles
you can use to be an encourager to someone:**

- Welcome Team**
- Connect Team**
- New Member Mentor**
- Young Adult of the Week**
- Wednesday Night Meal Deliverer**
- Shut-in Encourager**
- Bereavement**
- Monday Morning Prayer Team**

2. “R3” - Second relationship we all need - Mentor/Coach (Paul) - 2 Timothy 2:1-2

- Someone teaching/equipping us**
- Jesus “invested” in 12 Disciples**
- Ministry of Multiplication**

**“Entrust” carries the idea of depositing
something valuable for safe keeping.
Pass along the Gospel message
and wisdom of God.**

4 generations mentioned in verse 2
(2 Timothy 2:2)

- Apostle Paul**
- Timothy and Many Witnesses**
- Faithful men**
- Others**

The question for each of us:

Will you be faith to pass the faith on?



Check out these “R3” MSBC Rio (Paul) vehicles you can use to mentor/coach others:

- New Believers Discipler**
- Faith@Home Parenting Mentors**
- Equip Disciple Makers (D-Group leaders)**
- Marriage Mentors**
- Financial Mentors**
- Caregiver Mentors**
- Go Team (equip in outreach)**
- Addiction Recovery Mentors**

3. “R3” - Third Relationship we all need - Protege/Apprentice (Timothy)

- Someone you teach, equip, and pour your life into**
- Paul poured into Timothy
(1 Timothy 1:18-20, 6:11-21)**

Timothy was “FAT” (Faithful, Available, and Teachable).
Help everyone, but train a few. Invest in “FAT” people.



**Check out the “R3” MSBC Mustang vehicles you can
take the ride of your life in:**

- Learn Bible Foundations**
- “Learn the Bible in 30 Days” (Community Group)**
- Learn how to disciple new believers**
- Join a Community Group**
- Join a D-Group to learn how to make a disciple**

Sermon in a Sentence:

**Buckle up, take the ride of your life by
spiritually investing in others!**

Application:

- 1. Fill out the MSBC “R3” Investment Response Sheet.**
- 2. Begin today investing spiritually in others becoming the greatest Christian someone will ever know.**
- 3. Faith@Home: Discuss the “3R” and how those three relationships have made a difference in your life.**

Which Ride *(investment)* WILL YOU TAKE IN THE *New Church Year?*

