

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Barnabas, The Servant-Hearted

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:

‘Barnabas, The Servant-Hearted’”

(Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:19-26; 12:25-15:41)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are focused on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. Today’s Bible study is a biographical sketch of a servant-hearted man who reflected the likeness of his Savior, Jesus. This man’s church changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, which means, Son of Encouragement! Barnabas valued serving, and so do we! Barnabas was a:

I. Servant of the needy (Acts 4:32-37)

II. Servant of a newcomer (Acts 9:26-30)

A. Acceptance (9:26) B. Protection (9:27) C. Patience (9:28) D. Instruction in the Word (9:29-30)

III. Servant of a church (Acts 11:19-26)

IV. Servant of a fellow-worker (contrast 12:25 to 13:42, 46)

V. Servant of a quitter (Acts 13:13; 15:36-41)

CONCLUSION

To follow in Jesus’ steps is to develop and maintain the heart of a servant, ‘for the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,

and to give His life a ransom for many' (Mk. 10:45). The greatest way anyone was ever served was when Jesus died on the cross to reconcile us to Holy God! Ask the Lord to soften and shape your heart to be like His.

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is

I Thessalonians 5:11, Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,

just as in fact you are doing. This is a positive, New Testament command, to

encourage others. How are you obeying this command today? How could you

obey it better? Why is studying the life of this man, Barnabas, so helpful?

2. Today's Bible study is a biographical sketch of a man named Barnabas. His life

was marked by serving. List at least twenty different ways people serve Christ in

our church:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.
- G.
- H.
- I.
- J.
- K.
- L.

- M.
- N.
- O.
- P.
- Q.
- R.
- S.
- T.

3. After completing Number 2 above, list three ways you serve in the church:

- A.
- B.
- C.

4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F I'm not committed to serving because I don't like to feel tied down.

T F I'm looking for a way to serve others through my local church.

T F I commit now to obeying the command to encourage one another.

5. I would grade my servant-heart with an: A B C D F (circle one).

6. How could a regular, routine place of humble service in the local church improve

your:

...walk with Christ?

...mental health?

...emotional stability?

...anxiety level?

...witness for Christ?

...satisfaction and gratitude with life?

7. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

8. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: