



**Antioch, a Great Church
Barnabas, a Great Man
Acts 11:19-26
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Introduction:

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“Surely a world at it’s worse, demands a Christian at his best.”

“I do not fear that the church will not succeed; but, I fear that it will only succeed in the things that don’t really matter.”

- I. The Confrontation of Peter**
 - A. Peter’s Charge (Acts 11:1-3)**
 - B. Peter’s Clarification (Acts 11:4-14)**
 - C. Peter’s Conclusions (Acts 11:15-18)**
- II. Barnabas’s Example**

Six Practical Expressions of Barnabas’s Goodness and Faith:

- 1. His compassion to others.**

Acts 11:22 (NKJV) Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

- 2. His submission to God’s call through the local church.**

Acts 11:22b They sent Barnabas to Antioch...

Acts 11:23a When he came...

- 3. His ability to look past the churches imperfections and see God’s grace.**

Acts 11:23a (NKJV) When he came and had seen the grace of God...Acts 11:23b (NKJV) When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad...

4. His joy over God's Grace in the lives of others.

Acts 11:23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad...

5. His exhortation for the saint's perseverance.

Acts 11:23 (NKJV) When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

6. His ability to be trusted with other people's money.

Acts 11:29-30 (NKJV) Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.