

# THE PEOPLE BUILDER

## Acts 11:22-26

According to Ephesians 4:11, we are all in the \_\_\_\_\_ building business; what skills do we need? We are given an example of such skills in Acts, in \_\_\_\_\_, which means "Son of Encouragement"

### I. A PEOPLE BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_ IN PEOPLE

A. Barnabas Invested His \_\_\_\_\_ in People *Acts 4:36-37*

- 1) 3000 Jews were saved at \_\_\_\_\_; many stayed in Jerusalem without jobs, homes, food
- 2) Barnabas sold big \_\_\_\_\_ in order to invest in people; he wasn't a consumer, but a giver

B. Barnabas Invested His \_\_\_\_\_ in People *Acts 11:26*

- 1) Acts 11:26 says, "For a whole \_\_\_\_" Barnabas spent his time building people in the Antioch church
- 2) People building is a time-consuming business; we must invest our time in people rather than \_\_\_\_\_

### II. A PEOPLE BUILDER TAKES \_\_\_\_\_ ON PEOPLE

A. Barnabas Was Willing to Risk His Life on \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 9:18-27*

- 1) The Christians in Jerusalem thought Saul was trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the church and rejected him
- 2) In order to build people, we will have to risk our time, our reputations, our \_\_\_\_\_ which may break

B. Barnabas Was Willing to Risk His Relationship with Paul on \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 15:36-41*

- 1) Acts 13 tells us Mark joined the first missionary journey but \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem right away
- 2) Barnabas & Paul \_\_\_\_\_ so sharply over taking Mark on their next journey that they split: why?
  - a) Paul was a man on a \_\_\_\_\_; Barnabas wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Mark to usefulness
  - b) Who was right? At the end of his life Paul wrote in 2 Tim. to bring Mark "for he is \_\_\_\_\_ to me"

### III. A PEOPLE BUILDER PERCEIVES GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ IN OTHERS *Acts 11:23*

A. Barnabas Had \_\_\_\_\_ to See the Grace of God in the Lives of Others

- 1) Encouragement can be \_\_\_\_\_ to another how we see the grace of God at work in his/her life
- 2) We need spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to filter out the negative and see the beauty in Christians around us

B. Barnabas Encouraged Them to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Grace of the Lord

- 1) According to Mt.24:13, the most important evidence of genuine salvation is simple \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) This type of cheerleading is so simple: Keep on keeping on! Keep on \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. A PEOPLE BUILDER IS WILLING TO \_\_\_\_\_ INTO THE BACKGROUND

A. Barnabas Demonstrated This Trait in the Planting of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Antioch *Acts 11:24-26*

- 1) "A great many" were saved at Antioch; Barnabas could have become a \_\_\_\_\_ pastor
- 2) He realized that the church needed a teacher; he pushed Saul forward & gave him this \_\_\_\_\_

B. Barnabas Demonstrated This Trait in His \_\_\_\_\_ Journey with Saul *Acts 13:1-13*

- 1) Acts 13 begins with Barnabas always mentioned \_\_\_\_\_; it was the Barnabas and Saul Show
- 2) By v.13 Saul becomes Paul and takes the lead from this point on; it becomes Paul and His \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) This did not provoke \_\_\_\_\_ in Barnabas; he was willing to "esteem others better than himself"