

Barnabas: Portraits of a Generous Heart | May 21, 2023

Review from Acts 4:31-35:

The early church, with its members filled by the Holy Spirit, was characterized by oneness, generosity, and witness.

A shining example of this was Joseph (Acts 4:36).

Biblical generosity is the overflow of the Holy Spirit into the lives of others. A generous person:

- ✓ Sees people.
- ✓ Meets needs.
- ✓ Takes risks.

*Barnabas wasn't perfect, yet he is a shining example of a generous heart.

Takeaways:

For Further Study: A Tour of the Life of Barnabas

Verses	Traits I learn about Barnabas...
Acts 4:36	
Acts 9:23-28	
Acts 11:19-26	
Acts 13:49-52	
Acts 14:1-7	
Acts 14:23	
Acts 15:1-3, 12, 22	
Acts 15:36-40; then written much later Colossians 4:10, 2 Tim 4:11, Philemon 1:24, 1 Peter 5:13	
Galatians 2:11-13	

For Further Discussion:

1. What inspires you most about Barnabas – a trait that you want in your life?
2. Who is someone you have known who embodies generosity? How have you been impacted by their life?
3. Describe what appear to be Barnabas' weaknesses?
4. Describe non-financial ways that generosity is expressed? (We often think of generosity only in terms of financial giving)