

“Barnabas-A Good Man”

Acts 11:22-24

Introduction

- I. How would you describe someone that is kind, generous, thoughtful, helpful etc?
- II. Barnabas is not given a long list of attributes, but rather is simply called “a good man”.
 - A. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was not selfish (Acts 11:29-30; 4:36-37).
 - B. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was a man of faith (Acts 9:26-27; 11:24).
 - C. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was a good steward (Acts 4:36-37).
 - D. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was a good worker (Acts 11:22-26).

Discussion

- I. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was not selfish (Acts 11:29-30; 4:36-37).
 - A. We are supposed to be unselfish (1 Tim. 6:18; Phil. 2:4).
 - B. Consider the poor widow (Mark 12:38-44).
- II. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was a man of faith (Acts 9:26-27; 11:24).
 - A. We are supposed to be people of faith (2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:6; 1 Cor. 2:5; 1 Tim. 6:11; Gal. 3:26-27).
 - B. Consider the apostle Paul (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 1:17).
- III. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was a good steward (Acts 4:36-37).
 - A. We are supposed to be good stewards (Matt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:10).
 - B. Consider “the unjust steward” (Luke 16:1-13).
- IV. Barnabas was “a good man” because he was a good worker (Acts 11:22-26).
 - A. We are supposed to be good workers (Col 3:23; Prov. 18:9; John 6:27; Titus 2:14).
 - B. Consider Timothy (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17).

Conclusion

- I. We need more “good people” like Barnabas.
- II. If God would refer to us, how would He describe us?