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BE A "BARNABAS"

(Acts 4:32-37)

INTRODUCTION

(Acts 4:36) "And Joseph, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus"

If my name revealed my character, what would it be?

BE A "BARNABAS" TO OTHERS

1. FIND A PERSON IN NEED AND ASSIST THEM

(Acts 4:32-37) A physical need existed in the lives of "those who believed," and like others, Barnabas (v37) "having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."

Do you know of someone you may help? - may not have to sell land; but, give time, talent, and/or treasure to provide relief in time of immediate need.
(Ephesians 4:28; Luke 6:38)

We've assisted many in the past, are doing it now, and will continue to do so.

2. FIND AN ISOLATED PERSON AND INCLUDE THEM

(Acts 9:23-29) "and when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were afraid of him, ... (v27) but Barnabas took him ... "

Be a "Barnabas" to those among us who do not know very many of us
It's already being done, and I encourage you to continue to welcome others.

3. FIND THE NEW IN FAITH AND ENCOURAGE THEM

(Acts 11:19-24) (v22) "and they sent out Barnabas to go to Antioch. 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"

Keep doing the same: (John 8:31) "continue (abide) in My word"

(Acts 11:25-26) "Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul ... for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people"

So we invite other preachers to come for gospel meetings and workshops.

4. FIND A WEAKENED PERSON AND SUPPORT (STRENGTHEN) THEM

(Acts 15:36-41) (v39) "So Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus"

Do you know someone in the congregation who needs encouragement after a hard time?
Go to them, encourage them, and work together.

Be a "Barnabas."

(1 Thessalonians 5:14) "... comfort the faint-hearted, uphold the weak ... "