

BARNABAS

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Use this to study a man worthy of emulating

Read each verse in it's context (the previous and following 2-3 verses)
Meditate to see how Barnabas operated, how God used him,
because he was determined to become all God had created him to be,
and he was committed to helping others reach their full God-given potential.

[Acts 4:35-37](#)

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called **Barnabas** (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

[Acts 9:27](#)

But **Barnabas** took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

[Acts 11:22-24](#)

News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent **Barnabas** to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

[Acts 11:25-26](#)

Then **Barnabas** went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year **Barnabas** and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

[Acts 11:30](#)

This they did, sending their gift to the elders by **Barnabas** and Saul.

[Acts 12:25](#)

When **Barnabas** and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.

[Acts 13:1](#)

[**Barnabas** and Saul Sent Off] In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: **Barnabas**, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

[Acts 13:2](#)

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me **Barnabas** and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

[Acts 13:7-9](#)

who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for **Barnabas** and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then **Saul, who was also called Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit.

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**Notice from this point forward Saul is named Paul and Barnabas takes a back seat.**  
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[Acts 13:42](#)

As **Paul** and **Barnabas** were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.

[Acts 13:43](#)

When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and **Barnabas**, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

[Acts 13:46](#)

Then Paul and **Barnabas** answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.

[Acts 13:50](#)

But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and **Barnabas**, and expelled them from their region.

[Acts 14:1](#)

[*In Iconium*] At Iconium Paul and **Barnabas** went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed.

[Acts 14:3](#)

So Paul and **Barnabas** spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.

[Acts 14:12](#)

Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.

[Acts 14:14](#)

But when the apostles **Barnabas** and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:

[Acts 14:20](#)

But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and **Barnabas** left for Derbe.

[Acts 14:23](#)

Paul and **Barnabas** appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

[Acts 15:2](#)

This brought Paul and **Barnabas** into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and **Barnabas** were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.

[Acts 15:12](#)

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to **Barnabas** and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

[Acts 15:22](#)

[*The Council's Letter to Gentile Believers*] Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and **Barnabas**. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, two men who were leaders among the brothers.

[Acts 15:25](#)

So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends **Barnabas** and Paul—

[Acts 15:35](#)

But Paul and **Barnabas** remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.

[Acts 15:36](#)

[*Disagreement Between Paul and **Barnabas***] Some time later Paul said to **Barnabas**, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."

[Acts 15:37](#)

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them,

[Acts 15:39](#)

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. **Barnabas** took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,

[1 Corinthians 9:6](#)

Or is it only I and **Barnabas** who must work for a living?

[Galatians 2:1](#)

[*Paul Accepted by the Apostles*] Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with **Barnabas**. I took Titus along also.

[Galatians 2:9](#)

James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and **Barnabas** the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews.

[Galatians 2:13](#)

The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even **Barnabas** was led astray.

[Colossians 4:10](#)

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of **Barnabas**. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)