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BARNABAS AND MARK

“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Objectives

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| <i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i> | God desires for us to offer ourselves to His work and pastor His sheep. |
| <i>Knowledge of God</i> | God is a comforter who uses His workers to build others up. He is a Spirit who guides and leads His workers to accomplish His work. |
| <i>Good Work</i> | Exhibit the qualities of a good person. Seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit and remain convicted in our faith. Encourage and comfort others with God’s word. |

A. Barnabas

Barnabas was a man of sound morals, trustworthy and guided by the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24).

A Good Man

- *Barnabas was concerned for the welfare of the church (Acts 4:36–37):* Barnabas was one of many who decided to share his possessions with the church. His generous gesture exemplified his faith and love for the Lord.
- *Barnabas showed care and concern (Acts 11:27–30):* Barnabas showed that he understood the importance of unity and of helping one another in difficult times.

Full of the Holy Spirit

- *“Son of Encouragement” (Acts 11:19–26):* Barnabas encouraged the members in Antioch, using positive words to remind the congregation to stand firm and keep their faith in God.
- *One Who Pastors (Acts 11:25–26):* Barnabas and Saul both worked together to teach and train the members in the Antioch church in the doctrine and the truth.
- *A Prophet and a Teacher (Acts 13:1–4):* Barnabas held two important roles—a messenger of God and a teacher gifted in instructing others in God’s word.

Full of Faith

- *Barnabas and Saul (Acts 9:26–27):* Barnabas chose to have faith in God’s power and saw Saul not as a persecutor, but as someone who had truly seen Jesus.
- *Barnabas and Mark:* Although Mark had left them before (Acts 13:13), Barnabas did not give up on Mark. He saw past the faults of men and trusted in God’s transformative power.

B. Mark

A Good Helper

- *Preaching the gospel:* Mark traveled with Barnabas and Paul but left them during their first trip; he continued training with Barnabas on a second trip some time later.
- *The Gospel of Mark:* Mark closely followed the older workers and learned a great deal from them, enabling him to write down the life of Jesus and His teachings.

Life Application

1. ***Be a good person:*** To be of sound morals like Barnabas, it is important to have love.
2. ***Be filled with the Holy Spirit:*** The Spirit can strengthen and guide us like He did Barnabas, but to be filled with the Spirit, we must empty ourselves and welcome Him into our hearts.
3. ***Be full of faith:*** Faith takes time to cultivate. It is important to ask God to help us become full of faith.
4. ***Learn to encourage and comfort others:*** It is important to use God’s word with wisdom in a manner that edifies others.

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Lesson 8 Homework Assignment

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| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Read | | | | | | | |
| Pray | | | | | | | |

Memory Verse (1 Thessalonians 5:11):

1. What does it mean to edify others?
2. How did Barnabas exhibit the qualities of a good man?
3. How did Barnabas encourage the members in Antioch?
4. How did Barnabas treat Saul differently from the other disciples?
5. How do we become like Barnabas—a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith?
6. Is there anyone you know who is undergoing trials or tribulations? How can you comfort or encourage them?