

“Barnabas: Being a Person of Generosity”

Being a Stand-Up Person in a Bow-Down World • pt. 5

Acts 4-15

INTRODUCTION

Generosity reflects the _____ of my _____
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“Success is not rare it is common....But most people think of it in terms of getting; success, however, begins in terms of giving.”
– Henry Ford

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”
– Calvin Coolidge

Acts 4:32-37; 1 Cor. 11:1

1. Barnabas gave himself away to others in Christ.

risk:

- interest in a new convert named Saul
 - + Saul meets Jesus
Acts 9:4-6
 - + Saul meets Ananias
Acts 9:15-17
 - + Saul meets former comrades
Acts 9:19-22
 - + Saul meets Peter and James
Acts 9:26-27; Gal. 1:17-18

2. Barnabas gave himself away to his family.

risk:

- interest in another new convert: John Mark
Acts 12:25; Col. 4:10
- “usefulness” of this new convert
Acts 13:1-5, 13; 15:36-39
2 Tim. 4:11

“If you prefer to spend all your spare time growing roses or playing with your children, I like you better, but do not complain that you are not being promoted fast enough.” – David Ogilvy

3. Barnabas gave himself away to Jesus.

risk:

Acts 15:26
Acts 13:50; 14:5-7
2 Cor. 8:3-5