



# Barnabas: Profile Of A Servant Leader

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*Big Idea: Healthy servant leaders, like Barnabas, help those around them flourish and become all God designed them to be.*

## I. A Servant Leader Gives Generously And Sacrificially Of Resources.

Acts 4:34-37, There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. 36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

## II. A Servant Leader Takes A Risk In Elevating Others.

Acts 9:26, When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

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.

## III. A Servant Leader Is Willing To Innovate On Styles And Methods.

Acts 11:22-23, News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 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.

## IV. A Servant Leader Humbly Allows Others To Flourish By Sharing Leadership.

Acts 13:1, 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 13:13, From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

Acts 14:12, "Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker."

## IV. A Servant Leader Extends Grace To People Who've Made Bad Choices.

Acts 15:36-39, 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." 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they

parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus.

2 Timothy 4:11b, "Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry."

Acts 11:24, "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord."