

Bible Character series of readings – week 49

2nd October 16 - Barnabas

Monday: Acts 13:1-13. Barnabas was a team player. He had nurtured Saul, trained him, and is named first by the Spirit in v2. But Saul (re-named the Apostle Paul) begins to be the natural leader. Are you as gracious as Barnabas, or do you like to be acknowledged and to take the credit when things go well?

Tuesday: Acts 13:42-52. In Pisidian Antioch, Barnabas urged the new disciples to continue in the grace of God. Previously he was sent to Antioch in Syria, where he saw evidence of the grace of God (Acts 11:23). What do you expect to see in yourself and others as you grow in grace?

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-4. Along with Paul, Barnabas was a man who was willingly accountable to the Apostles and Elders in Jerusalem, looking to them for direction. Are you submissive to those God has placed in authority over you?

Thursday: Galatians 2:1-13. We are never too mature to make mistakes! Barnabas and Peter both fell into error because of pressure from Jewish Christians. Guard your life and listen to others, giving them the right to challenge you, however long you have been a Christian.

Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:1-14. In defending his ministry, Paul mentions the sacrifices that Barnabas has made along with him. In verse 6 & 12, Barnabas is seen as totally committed to sharing the gospel. What can you learn from him?