

Encourage One Another

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Series: Strong Church

Text: [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)

We are called to **encourage** and **edify** one another

Encouragement: *parakalein* (Greek) | 'para' – alongside of | 'kaleo' – to call

One of the greatest examples of an encourager: **Barnabas**

I. HE SOLD PROPERTY – DEVOTED GENEROSITY

Read [Acts 4:36-37](#)

Barnabas practiced the principle of **bearing one another's burdens**

He knew the difference between **ownership** and **stewardship**

"It's not the seed that's kept in the barn that increased: it's the seed that's invested that increases."

II. HE SAW POTENTIAL – DISPLAYED GENTLENESS

Paul the Persecutor (Read [Acts 9:1-2](#))

God takes the least likely – and makes a trophy of grace. (Read [Acts 9:23-27](#))

Practical Ways to Encourage

1. Words
2. Touch

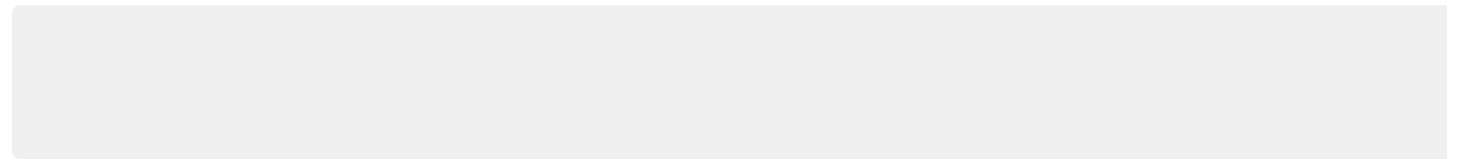
3. Text

4. Cards

Read [Proverbs 12:25](#), [Proverbs 25:11](#), [Proverbs 16:24](#)

Another incident when Barnabus encouraged

Read [Acts 15:36-41](#)



III. HE SOUGHT PEOPLE – DEVELOPED GROWTH

Read [Acts 11:19-24](#)

“Encouragers care more about people than notoriety.”

