

# *The Sons & Daughters of Encouragement*

## **The Example of an Encourager**

*Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (March 3, 2013)*

Introduction: In **Acts 4:36** a man named Joseph was renamed the "Son of Encouragement" by early Christians because of his amazing Christ-like spirit. Over the next few weeks we are going to study together and see how we can become children of God like Barnabas. Notice some things from Barnabas' great example....

Discussion:

***I. Barnabas Was Full of Conviction***

Acts 4:32-37  
Numbers 18:24  
II Samuel 24:24  
Matthew 6:33  
Numbers 18:21  
II Corinthians 8:9  
Acts 9:26-31  
Acts 11:19-22

***II. Barnabas Was Full of Goodness***

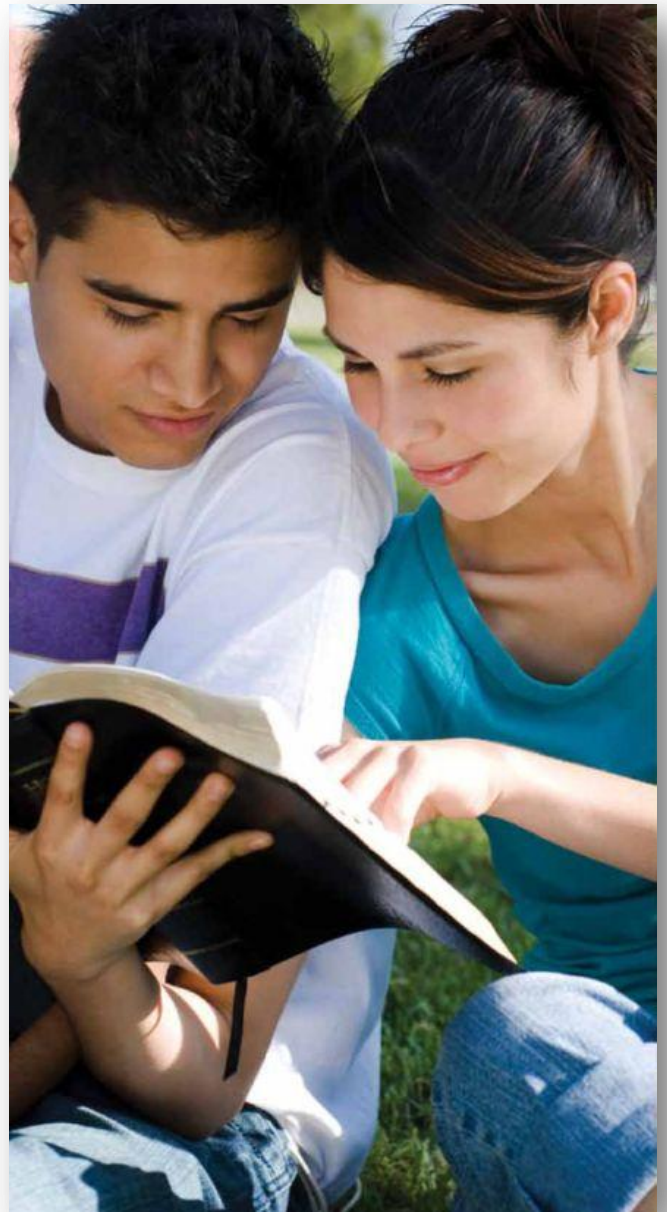
Acts 11:24  
Matthew 19:16-30  
Mark 10:17-31  
Luke 18:18-30  
Romans 3:17-18  
Isaiah 59:7-8  
Psalm 36:1

***III. Barnabas Was Full of the Holy Spirit***

Acts 11:24  
Ephesians 5:18  
Ephesians 4:11-16  
John 15:1-8  
Galatians 5:22-23

***IV. Barnabas Was Full of Faith***

Acts 11:24  
Hebrews 11:1  
Romans 10:17  
James 2:14-26  
Acts 6:1-7



Conclusion: These qualities impressed people so much that they changed a man's name! His character was so revered because he was an encourager, builder, uplifter, renewer, and refresher. I believe this describes the kind of person God wants us to be. We may not have the limelight, but we can walk and work quietly in the shadows, uplifting, and encouraging others. Are you ready to become a son or daughter of encouragement? Are you ready to fully surrender to God?