

Encourage Me: Part 1

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Rom 13:1-7

Lev 13

1Th 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Heb 10:24f ... and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...

1) We should be like Barnabas by looking for the good in the body of Christ.

Acts 11:22f 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.

2) We should be like Barnabas by looking for kingdom potential in others.

Acts 11:25f Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 9:26f 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. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.

3) We should be like Barnabas through our radical generosity.

Acts 4:36f 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.

Heb 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.