

Reflections

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“Who am I and who should I be”

I am kind

I place no value on material wealth

I see the best in others

I try to motivate others to do well

I am extraverted

I have a genuine heart for people

I have an empathetic ear

I have an eye for potential

I exude joy

I love to fellowship with others

I think good of you

I am generous

I am courageous

I am supportive

I am dependable

I am responsible

I am persuasive

I am humble

I am diligent

I am trustworthy

I have insight

I am compassionate

I have patience

I am persistent

I am a risk taker

I was a mentor and man of faith

I understood the ways of the spirit

I brought the message of good news

I was a giver of my resources and abilities

I was a man of integrity

I spoke with people in their language and met them right where they were

I was called by the Holy Spirit and commissioned by the church at Antioch

I exhorted all to do what was right and true

I comforted those around me in times of suffering and distress

I was one of the 70 sent out by Jesus Luke 10:1

I carried a jar of clay II Corinthians 4:7

I laid money at the Apostles feet

I associated with Paul

I was a Levite called Joseph, respected by leaders

I was an example of a missionary working in a secular position to support myself

I did not let fear prevent me from taking a stand for what is right

I demonstrated confidence to people so I could help bring the best out in them

I was able to temper my strength by exercising it in accordance with the spiritual truths revealed in scripture

I was in the Lord's will and never let pressure from peers or superiors alter my course

I was able to accomplish more by humbly stepping aside so others more gifted could lead

Jesus in Acts II trained me

I was a friend of Paul's

I wanted to take Mark with us on our second missionary journey, but we argued

I parted from you, but you spoke warmly about me in your letters

Who am I? I am Barnabus (Son of encouragement)

Loving one another by: Connie Campbell Bratcher

Have we ever shed the tears of another,

Really gotten under the load,

Suffered pain and agony of a brother

Who walks a dark and lonely road?

Do we love our brother?

Do we readily give to those folks who ask?

And Joyfully help when we can?

Are we ready and willing for any task

Though it may interrupt our plan?

Do we love one another?

Friend are we willing to go that second mile,
Helping any way that we can?
When faced with a frown, do we lift a smile,
And encourage our fellowman?
Do we really, truly love?

Or are we too preoccupied with our own
To stop by the side of the road,
And offer a helping hand to the unknown
Who struggles with a heavy load?
Do we love only our own?

Our Lord reaches us to love one another,
And always go that extra mile,
Giving and forgiving, for he gave his life
For every man, woman, and child.
Let us Love One Another

John 15:12

Jesus said: "This is my commandment that you love one another, as I have loved you."

So then the question is?, Who Should I be?

I should strive to ingrain the characteristics of Barnabus as a VOA Minister

I should be a Barnabus daily to all those in need

I should love those who do not love me

I should love God with all my heart, soul, and mind

I should love thy neighbor as thyself

I should let the actions of Barnabus be seen in all I do

If we can be a Barnabus today

Then just for one moment think, what our world could be tomorrow?

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