

**Series: Heroes**  
**BARNABAS: A GENEROUS HEART**

**1. Barnabas was generous with possessions.**

A. The gift of property:

1. He sold property and brought the money to the apostles. *Acts 4:32-37*
2. Compare the gift of Ananias and Sapphira. *Acts 5:1-10*

B. Barnabas was worthy of trust.

1. He was sent to establish the church in Antioch. *Acts 11:19-23*
2. Sent offering Jerusalem by his hand and Paul's. *Acts 11:29-30*

**2. Barnabas was generous with people.**

Barnabas was called the "Son of encouragement." What does it mean to encourage?

A. He encouraged Saul. *Acts 9:26-27.*

1. Vouched for him before the disciples in Jerusalem.
2. When he needed help in Antioch, he sent for Saul in Tarsus. *Acts 11:25*
3. Accompanied Saul on the first missionary journey. *Acts 13-15*
4. Barnabas took a back seat from Paphos on. "Barnabas and Saul" became "Paul & Company"

B. Barnabas encouraged Mark, his cousin

1. Mark left Paul and Barnabas in Perga in Pamphilia. *Acts 13:13*
2. Barnabas, now to encourage Mark, risked Paul's respect and friendship to invest some of himself in Mark. *Acts 15:36-40*
3. His choice was a good one: Mark turned out okay!
  - a. Paul later writes that John Mark is a fellow worker; and that he was "useful" to him. *Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11*
  - b. John Mark became the writer of the first circulated gospel, "According to Mark." Used extensively as a resource by Matthew and Luke.

**3. Generosity springs from a deep commitment.**

**4. What about us? Are we generous?**

A. Are we generous with possessions?

1. What was the last thing we gave away?
2. When was the last time we gave money away that was not deductible?
3. Are you generous with Meadow Park?

B. Are we generous with others?

1. Do we encourage them for their own sake?

(Without Barnabas, we may not have had either Paul or Mark!)

C. Do we have a deep commitment? *John 7:38*

It may cost you. Are you willing to pay that price?