



ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER – ANTIOCH: A CHURCH PLANTED ON ENCOURAGEMENT 1 Thess. 5:11, Acts 11:19-25

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<u>I Thess. 5:11</u> – Therefore **encourage one another** and build one another up, just as you also are doing.



Acts 11:19-24 – Barnabas & The Church in Antioch

¹⁹ So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks as well, preaching the good news of the Lord Jesus.²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.²² The news about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. ²³ Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; ²⁴ for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and faith. And considerable numbers were added to the Lord.

1. <u>Rejoice with people in the grace you see at</u> work in their lives.

<u>Acts 11:23</u> - "...when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced."



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2. Be generous with your praise.

<u>Acts 11:23b</u> – "he encouraged them all with a resolute heart to remain true to the Lord."



3. Be generous with your money.

Acts 4:36-37 - Barnabas' "hidden identity." ³⁶ Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ owned a tract of land. So he sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

4. Be generous with your time.

<u>Acts 11:22</u> - The news about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and **they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.**



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