

“He Was a Good Man”

Acts 11:22-24

Introduction:

- A. If someone were asked to describe you in one word – what would it be?
- B. What about the simple adjective used by the Holy Spirit to describe Barnabas? (Acts 11:22-24)
- C. Who makes one really a good person in the eyes of God and good people?

Discussion:

- I. One Who Obeys the Good News.**
 - A. Hears and believes the good news. (Rom. 10:15-17)
 - B. Obeys the good news (Rom. 10:16)
 - 1. Repents of the bad and turns to the good. (Lk. 13:3)
 - 2. Makes the good confession. (1 Tim. 6:12)
 - 3. Baptized – the answer of a good conscience (1 Pet. 3:21)
- II. One Who Does Good to All Men (Gal. 6:10).**
 - A. To the erring and the faithful (vv. 1, 6)
 - B. To family and neighbors (1 Tim. 5:8; Luke 10:27-29)
 - C. To friend and foe (Matt. 5:44-48)
 - D. To community and church.
- III. One Who Carefully Maintains Good Works. (Tit. 3:8)**
 - A. Not occasional deeds, but maintaining good works.
 - B. Always abounding in the Lord’s work. (1 Cor. 15:58).
- IV. One Who Loves Good People. (Tit. 1:8)**
 - A. Speaks of often of them.
 - B. Speaks words in defense of them.
 - C. Enjoys their company.
- V. One Who Has a Good Reputation. (3 John 11 ,12).**
 - A. Of all men of all – those of good will who know him.
 - B. Of the truth itself.
- VI. One Who Fights “The Good Fight of Faith” (1 Tim. 6:12)**
 - A. Knows when to fight and when to flee.
 - B. Knows difference in the good fight and just fighting.
 - C. Know how to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3)
 - D. Knows the end of the good fight. (2 Tim. 4:8).

Conclusion:

- A. Think you will agree that such a one is a good person.
- B. Are you that kind of person? Are you truly “a good man (or woman)?”