

# ***DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME?***

**(Acts 4:32-37)**

- Introduction:
1. God's word tells us of a man named *Joses* who the apostles renamed ***Barnabas***.
  2. Barnabas means "*Son of Encouragement*".
  3. Never was a name so fitting.
  4. Let's examine what little we know about Barnabas.

## **I. BARNABAS AND HIS COMMITMENT**

- A. (Acts 4:32-37).
- B. What we do with our possessions says much about our relationship with Christ.
- C. (Matthew 6:21) Where your treasure is there will your heart be.
- D. (I John 2:18) Love in deed and in truth.
- E. (Malachi 3:8-10) Will a man rob God?

## **II. BARNABAS AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

- A. (Acts 11:19-24) Sent to encourage Antioch.
- B. (Acts 9:26-27) Came to Paul aid.
- C. (I Thessalonians 5:11) Comfort and edify one another.
- D. (Exodus 17:10-11) Aaron and Hur provide support to Moses.

## **III. BARNABAS AND FORGIVENESS**

- A. (Acts 15:36-41; Acts 13:13).
- B. At times we all need someone who will restore our vision and usefulness.
- C. (II Corinthians 2:6-8) Forgive, comfort, and reaffirm.

- Conclusion:
1. Barnabas certainly was given a nickname that was well deserved.
  2. He provides for us a challenging example of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
  3. If you were given a nickname, what would it be?
    - a. Grumpy?
    - b. Stingy?
    - c. Busybody?
    - d. Encourager?
    - e. Teacher?
    - f. Christian?