

Building Strong Leaders by Encouragement

I Corinthians 3:10

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.

Building strong leadership is done by the grace of God.

We are building on a foundation built by our Founders.

Building strong leadership happens when we care and encourage others!

God had prepared others to assist in Saul's transformation.

We can accomplish more with the appropriate skilled people on our team.

I.

Barnabas, given name was Joses (Joseph), is first mention in Acts 4:36 when he responded to the assignment of sharing things in common. He owned land, and he sold a field, and brought the proceeds to the apostles to help support others.

Barnabas was generous and was known for recruiting and discipling leaders such as Saul and John Mark.

The apostles called him Son of Encouragement.

Others saw his character, watched his conduct and heard his conversation and named him, Son of Encouragement.

We build strong leaders through Encouragement.

Encouragement is the act of giving someone support, confidence or hope. It comes from the root word 'courage' and involves providing the mental or emotional back a person needs to face a challenge, pursue a goal or persist through a difficult situation. Merriam-Webster

II.

Acts 9:27 says, "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus."

- He believed in Paul before anyone else did, while Peter and others feared him.
- To be an encouraging leader you have to be willing to take chances on people, that include risk.
- Encouraging leaders recognize potential and encourage others to believe in themselves.
- Barnabas endorsed Paul to other leaders and told his story.
- He empowered Paul to reach his potential
- He understood his assignment to add value to others through encouragement
- Only secure leaders give power to others.

III.

We are created for leadership and can encourage others.

I Corinthians 14:3 says, *“But one who prophesies is helping others grow in the Lord, encouraging and comforting them.”*

I Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV) says, *“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.”*

Edification - to build up

Exhortation - to encourage

Comfort - to give courage and strength

May we encourage one another as leaders in the Body of Christ, speaking truth in love, growing up in all things into Him, who is the head, Christ.

Let's encourage one another as leaders!

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