

Because of You – Part 2

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Why are we Kingdom Builders? Because that's what Jesus called us to be!

What is a Kingdom Builder?

- As a church it's extravagant & intentional giving beyond our walls
- As individuals it's extravagant & intentional giving beyond our tithe

Every year we set an extravagant giving goal as a church and as individual members in 3 areas:

- Local church expansion
- Global mission projects
- Future Christian leaders

I want to take you to the Book of Acts and talk to you about a man named Barnabas, the first Kingdom Builder identified by name in the New Testament.

Barnabas' life reflected all three Kingdom Builder values: giving locally, giving globally, and giving to invest in future Christian leaders.

1. Kingdom Builders give extravagantly and make an impact locally

There was distress at home in Jerusalem

Acts 4:36-37 - Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it all at the apostles' feet.

2. Kingdom Builders give globally

There was a famine in Judea – Acts 11:27-30

From Barnabas' home on the island of Cyprus to Judea was 253 miles. Barnabas first gave his money, then he collected money from other believers who wanted to help and brought it to the distressed area.

3. Kingdom Builders invest in future Christian leaders

Acts 9:26-30 - The Lord saved the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus while he was on his way to arrest Christians. Many doubted his conversion, afraid that this was a trap. Barnabas didn't look at Paul's past, but believed in his future. He poured his life into this man.

Acts 15:36-41 - Mark had abandoned Barnabas and Paul during their first missionary journey. Paul did not want Mark to accompany them on their second missionary journey. Barnabas and Paul could not come to an agreement, so Barnabas left for Cyprus with Mark. He left the hero and became a hero maker. He left the one that God was using and took the one that had failed and poured his life into him.

II Timothy 4:11 - Later, at the end of Paul's life, he tells Timothy to bring Mark to help him, because he was profitable for ministry. He had been prepared to be used by God. Barnabas had invested in Mark and made him into a Christian leader.

Kingdom Builders leave a Legacy

- The ministry of Paul: he wrote 13 books of the Bible
- The ministry of John Mark: he wrote the gospel of Mark

What does being a Kingdom Builder look like here at Victory Family Church?

Our 2019 giving goal was \$1.4 million. Because of you, we met and exceeded that goal! You gave \$116,000 above that goal. Because of you, we funded every project in our 2019 Project Guide.

Two of the projects you gave to in 2019

1. Because of you, we were able to expand the Waymaker School of Ministry. Like Barnabas we are investing in future Christian leaders. There are 34 day and night Waymaker School of Ministry students.
2. Because of you, we were able to build an orphanage in the Philippines.

Our 2020 Kingdom Builder's giving goal is \$1.8 million

Two projects we are giving toward this year

1. The New Castle campus launch this February 23rd
2. House of Palms: men in a village in northern India have been making a living prostituting their wives and daughters for the past 500 years. House of Palms is working to change that.

Make an intentional Kingdom Builder giving goal for 2020

Before you can be an extravagant giver, pray for an extravagant heart!

My Giving Goal

1. **Have a plan to be generous** – be practical
 - Monthly giving
 - Sacrificial
 - None of us will regret this in Heaven

2. **Have a vision for your generosity** – ask God to help you
 - Be creative – Barnabas sold his land

3. **Have a dream for your generosity** – trust God for above and beyond giving
 - To whom much is given, much is required.
 - Use your faith to give and not only to receive.

God had an intentional giving plan when He gave Jesus to die for our sins.