

**Acts 4:32-37**



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What's So  
**Special** About  
Finishing Third?





## John O'Donohue

One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold that you might otherwise have never crossed over.







Be an encourager. The world  
has plenty of critics already.

Dave Willis



**Barnabas**  
*the* **Encourager**

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus,  
whom the apostles called  
Barnabas (which means 'son of  
encouragement') (Acts 4)

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He was a *good man*  
full of the Holy Spirit and faith  
and a **GREAT NUMBER** of people  
were brought *to the Lord.*

Acts 11:24

**7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.** *(Hebrews 13)*



32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

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

*(Acts 4)*

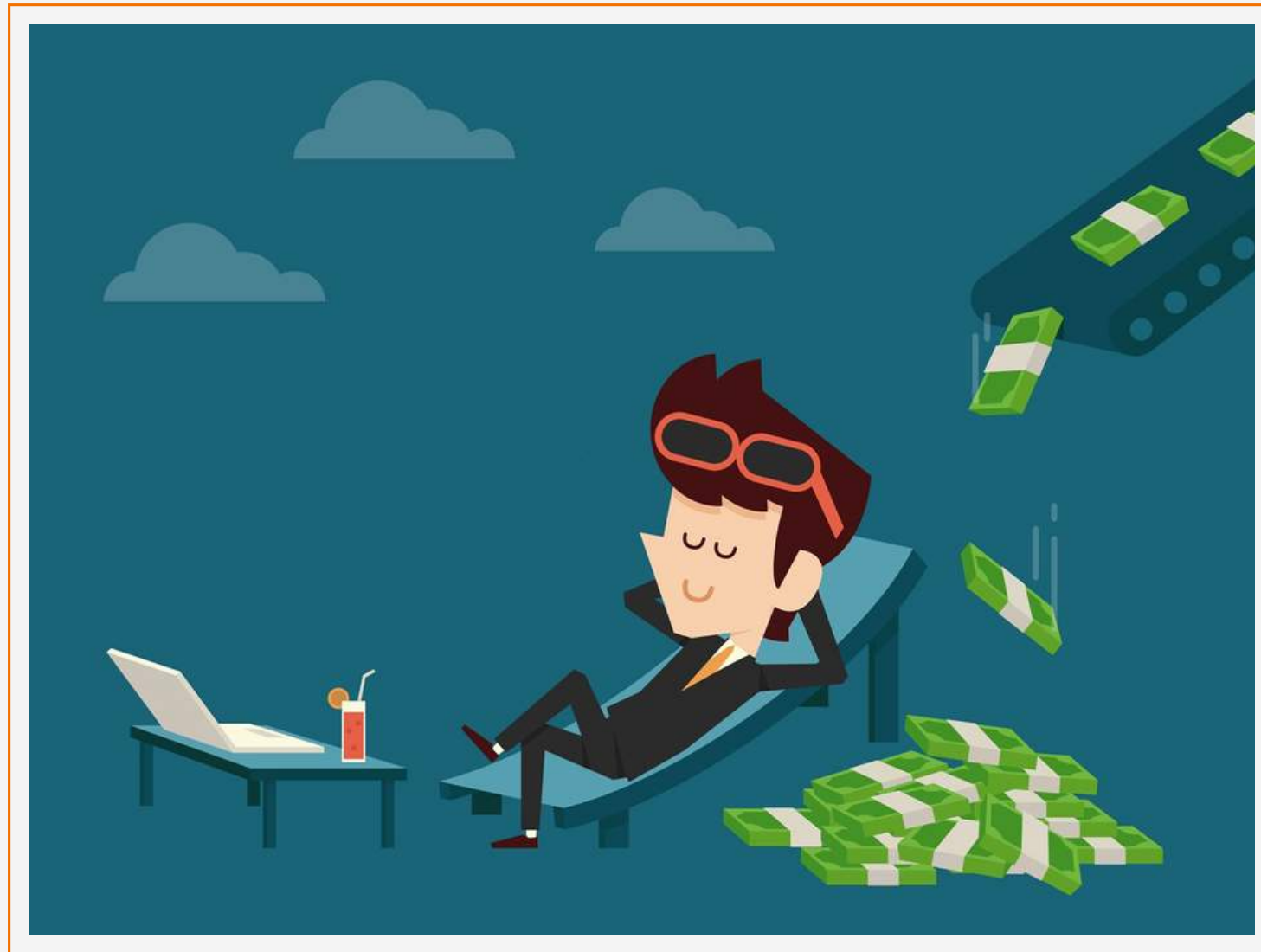




Keep your lives free from the love of money  
and be content with what you have, because God has said,  
"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

**Hebrews 13:5**

# Desires of Many



6 Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?

(1 Corinthians 9)



# 1 Timothy 6

**17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.**





## 2 Corinthians 8

2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: they gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.



Never too **Poor** to  
**Give** Financially



A photograph of a sunset over a field of grass. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The grass in the foreground is dark, with many small dew drops visible on the blades. The text "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" is centered in the image, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

**GREAT IS THY  
FAITHFULNESS**

**All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.**

# Encourage Through Giving

First  
Timothy  
6:18



Do good,  
Be rich in  
good works,  
Be generous,  
Be ready  
to share







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that there was no needy person among them. (Acts 4)