

HOW TO BE A BARNABAS

As a PDP 'Barnabas', you have the enormous privilege of being involved in someone's life and learning. You are a friend, guide, encourager and resource person. You will be fulfilling Christ's command to make disciples. If you have a heart to see others become more Christlike in their daily walk, to help them work towards fulfilling their God-given potential, and to come alongside them as they do so, this is for you!

Characteristics of an effective encourager (not exhaustive):

Active listener

Non-judgmental

Willing to ask questions

Able to remain objective

Confront and challenge when appropriate

Committed to the growth of the person you are helping with PDP

Gentle

Hold information in confidence appropriately

What will I get to do?

Meet together at set intervals

Review progress made toward goals and celebrate together

Listen, encourage and help work through problems

Hold accountable to work toward attaining goals

Regularly pray for the person and always pray together

Model a commitment to life-long learning as a disciple in your own life

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

James 1:19

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14