

Cheerleaders

Acts 9:26-27

1. A cheerleader helps to build bridges between people (9:27)

“Barnabas, however, took him and brought him to the apostles and explained to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road and that He had talked to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.” (Acts 9:27, HCSB)

2. A cheerleader is always looking for ways to promote the unity of the church, not divide the church (11:23)

“When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with a firm resolve of the heart,” (Acts 11:23, HCSB)

Encouragers help people in the church stay focused on the vision, mission, and purpose of the church.

3. A cheerleader listens to the call of the Holy Spirit (11:24, 13:2)

“for he was...full of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 11:24, HCSB)

“As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work I have called them to.” (Acts 13:2, HCSB)

4. A cheerleader can handle not being in the limelight (13:9, 43, 46)

Barnabas + Paul -----> Paul + Barnabas -----> Paul +

5. A cheerleader looks for solutions, and does not dwell on the problems (Acts 15:12)

“Then the whole assembly fell silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul describing all the signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.” (Acts 15:12, HCSB)

6. A cheerleader looks to restore people in the church, not destroy people (Acts 11:25, 15:37)

“Barnabas wanted to take along John Mark.” (Acts 15:37, HCSB)

“Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul,” (Acts 11:25, HCSB)

7. A cheerleader is proactive in finding new people to help disciple (Acts 9:26-27, Acts 15:39)

“...Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed off to Cyprus.” (Acts 15:39, HCSB)