

1. Encouragers give sacrificially to meet the needs of others.

Acts 4:36-37

“And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,
37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.”

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2. Encouragers “take a chance” on others.

Acts 9:26-27

“And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, ...”

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2. Encouragers “take a chance” on others.
3. Encouragers see the potential in others.
4. Encouragers yield the limelight to others.
5. Encouragers help others recover after failure.

*Helping a Brother
Recover from Failure*

Acts 15:36-40

Acts 12:25

“And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.”

Acts 12:12

“And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.”

Acts 13:5

“And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John [Mark] to their minister.”

Acts 13:13

“Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John [Mark] departing from them returned to Jerusalem.”

Col. 4:10

“Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus [John Mark], sister’s son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)”

2 Tim. 4:11

“... Take [John] Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.”

1. Spiritual maturity doesn't erase personality differences.
2. You may differ with someone even though you share the same theology.
3. You may differ with someone even though you're both godly people who are committed to the cause of Christ.
4. You may differ with someone even though you've served together for years.