“He Was a Good Man”
Acts 11:22-24

Introduction:
A. If someone were asked to describe you in one word – what would it be?
B. What about the simple adjective used by the Holy Spirit to describe Barnabas? (Acts 11:22-24)
C. Who makes one really a good person in the eyes of God and good people?

Discussion:
I. One Who Obeys the Good News.
   A. Hears and believes the good news. (Rom. 10:15-17)
   B. Obeys the good news (Rom. 10:16)
      1. Repents of the bad and turns to the good. (Lk. 13:3)
      2. Makes the good confession. (1 Tim. 6:12)
      3. Baptized – the answer of a good conscience (1 Pet. 3:21)
II. One Who Does Good to All Men (Gal. 6:10).
   A. To the erring and the faithful (vv. 1, 6)
   B. To family and neighbors (1 Tim. 5:8; Luke 10:27-29)
   C. To friend and foe (Matt. 5:44-48)
   D. To community and church.
III. One Who Carefully Maintains Good Works. (Tit. 3:8)
   A. Not occasional deeds, but maintaining good works.
   B. Always abounding in the Lord’s work. (1 Cor. 15:58).
IV. One Who Loves Good People. (Tit. 1:8)
   A. Speaks of often of them.
   B. Speaks words in defense of them.
   C. Enjoys their company.
V. One Who Has a Good Reputation. (3 John 11,12).
   A. Of all men of all – those of good will who know him.
   B. Of the truth itself.
VI. One Who Fights “The Good Fight of Faith” (1 Tim. 6:12)
   A. Knows when to fight and when to flee.
   B. Knows difference in the good fight and just fighting.
   C. Know how to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3)
   D. Knows the end of the good fight. (2 Tim. 4:8).

Conclusion:
A. Think you will agree that such a one is a good person.
B. Are you that kind of person? Are you truly “a good man (or woman)”?