



BIBLICAL BIOGRAPHIES

Jonathan - The Way of Cain

Joshua - Jehoshaphat: The Priorities of a Godly Leader

Brandon - Ehud: the Left Handed Legend

Lance - Saul: the Case of the Lost Donkeys

Joe - Timothy: Paul's Right Hand Man

Vikram - Barnabas: Portrait of an Encourager

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-A BIOGRAPHY OF THE UNBELIEVER-



-Demas-

the Foolishly Worldly One

- Where is Demas found in the Bible?
 - **Colossians 4:14** - "Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, & also Demas.
 - **Philemon 23-24** - "Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.
 - ***2 Timothy 4:9-10**
- What is the lesson(s) learned?
 - ▶ "having loved" **Agape**: to have high esteem for, or satisfaction with (ie. To take pleasure in)
 - ▶ "this present world" * **1 John 2:15-17, 1 John 4:7-11**
 - ▶ "Has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica" **Deserted**: To utterly abandon (Mt. 27:46)
- What is our response to the lesson(s) learned?
 - Vs 9 - Make every effort to come to me soon.

-Alexander the Coppersmith-

the Vigorously Belligerent One

Vigorously: very much,
high degree

Belligerent: hostile &
aggressive

- Where is Alexander found in the Bible?
 - **2 Timothy 4:14-15** - "Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm;
 - What was his issue with Paul?
 - Where else do we see Satan's influence for this type of behavior? * **Acts 19:21-31**
- What are the lesson(s) learned? * **Galatians 6:7-8**
 - the Lord will repay him according to his deeds." * **Romans 12:19-21**
- What is our response to the lesson(s) learned?
 - Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching. * **Nehemiah**
 - * **Matthew 7:6** - "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

-Felix-

the Incredibly Selfish One

- Where is Felix found in the Bible?

- Acts 24:1-23

- Felix - Governor of Judea (52-59 AD)
 - Former Slave whose brother had obtained him the position as governor

- What is the lesson(s) learned?

- Acts 24:24-27

- "But as he was discussing
 - righteousness: **The quality, or character, of upright behavior**
 - self control: **Restraint of one's emotions, impulses, or desires**
 - and the judgment to come:

Why did Felix not like these topics?

We are not striving to make FALSE converts!

Mark 4:3-9, 16-17

- What is our response to the lesson(s) learned?

- Preach Righteousness, Self Control, & the Judgment to come!

-Agrippa-

the Openly Ignorant One

- Where is Agrippa found in the Bible?

- Acts 25:13-23

- What kind of man was King Agrippa II?
 - Last of the “Herods” Vs 23 - Bernice is his “sister”

- Acts 26:1-32

- “In such a short time, will you persuade me to be a Christian?”

- What is the lesson(s) learned?

- You can share PERFECTLY, but if the Spirit does not will.....

- What is our response to the lesson(s) learned?

- Take the Shot!
 - Rely on the Spirit

* **Matthew 10:19** - “But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say.”

-the Brothers of Jesus-

The Ones that Give us Hope!

- Where are the brothers found in the Bible?

- John 7:1-8

- Of all people, why might they not believe in Jesus as Lord?
 - Of all people, why SHOULD they believe in Jesus as Lord?

* **Acts 1:14** - These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

- What is the lesson(s) learned?

- *What is different about this example than the others?*

- What is our response?

- *What changed from John 7 to Acts 1?*
 - Preach the Risen Lord!

* **1 Corinthians 2:1-2** - And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

-In Conclusion-

- **Know the Unbeliever**

- **Titus 3:3** - For we also once were foolish ourselves disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

- **Understand that would be US still if not for God**

- **Titus 3:4-7** - "But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,
 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy,
 - by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

-In Conclusion-

- Do be Faithful to God's Plan to save the Sinner

- Live the Life

- **Matthew 5:16** - "Let your light shine before me so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in heaven."
 - **Are you willing to share your life with the world in order to reach the lost?**
 - ***1 Corinthians 9:19-27**
 - **What is scary about this?**

- Share the Good News

- ***Romans 10**
 - **Are you willing to leave your comfort zone to do the work of an evangelist?**
 - Next Sunday → Missions Emphasis Sunday

