

Just When Everything Was Going Sooo Good!

The ACTS of the Holy Spirit Acts 4-5

³²All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need..... Acts 4:32-35

⁸Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. I Peter 5:8

These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. II Corinthians 11:13-15

¹¹so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes. II Corinthians 2:11

The Spirit-Filled Characteristics of True _____! 4:32-37

³²All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. Acts 4:32

>They were Unifiers!

>They were Givers!

A word about "Christian Socialism" (5:4)

>They were Pray-ers!

>They were Servers!

>They were Witnesses!

The One Thing the Devil hates is a Spirit-Filled _____ Church!

If he cannot destroy it from without, he will try to disrupt it from _____!

The Satan-Filled Hearts of _____! 5:1-11

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property.

²He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. ³Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. ⁴The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" ⁵As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. ⁶Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him. ⁷About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

⁸Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price." ⁹And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too." ¹⁰Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened. Acts 5:1-11

Some of the Devil's Favorite Tools Hypocrisy and Lying!

Hypocrisy is deliberate deception, trying to make people think we are more spiritual than we really are.

- >Hypocrisy usually takes Teamwork-- *With his wife's consent, he kept the rest*
- >Hypocrisy is motivated by Pride-- *He brought part of the money to the apostles,*
- >Hypocrisy is energized by Satan-- *why have you let Satan fill your heart*
- >Hypocrisy is assisted with Lying-- *You weren't lying to us but to God!*

A Word About the Deity of the Holy Spirit! (5:3, 4)

>Hypocrisy is an attack against His _____ -- *Great fear gripped the entire church.*

It is easy for us to condemn Ananias and Sapphira for their dishonesty, but we need to examine our own lives to see if our profession is backed up by our practice. Do we really mean everything we pray about in public? Do we sing the songs sincerely or routinely? *"These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me"* (Matt. 15: 8). If God killed "religious deceivers" today, how many church members/TV evangelists would be left?

The Real Sin here was not Robbing the Church of Money but Robbing God of _____!

The Stead-fast Ministry of the Church _____! 5:12-16

¹² *The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. ¹⁴ Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women.* Acts 5:12-14

ANSWERS:

Believers, Praying, Within, Hypocrites, Church,
Glory, Leaders

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Sunday, April 10th @ 11:15 am

In el Fellowship Hall

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Nachos &
One Side
\$5.00

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Or All You Can Eat for \$10.00

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