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Lying In Church

Acts 5:1-11

I. The Story of Ananias (vv. 1-6)

- A. The _____ appearance (vv. 1-2) [1 Sam. 16:7]
- B. The _____ motive (vv. 3-4c) [Matt. 16:21-23; Eph. 6:12; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Jms. 1:14]
- C. The _____ sin (v. 4d) [Psa. 51:4; Matt. 18:15; 1 Thes. 5:14]
- D. The _____ consequence (vv. 5-6) [Lev. 10:1-2; 2 Sam. 6:6-7; 1 Cor. 11:28-30; 1 Jn. 5:16]
- E. The _____ effect on all who heard (v. 5b) [Prov. 1:7; Psa. 34:9]

II. The Story of Sapphira (vv. 7-11)

- A. The _____ appearance (vv. 7-8) [Prov. 12:17; 19:9]
- B. The _____ motive (v. 9a) [Proverbs 15:16, 21]
- C. The _____ sin (v. 9b) [Deut. 6:16; Matt. 4:6-7; Acts 15:10; 1 Cor. 10:9; Psa. 139:1-4]
- D. The _____ consequence (vv. 9c-10) [Gal. 6:7-8]
- E. The _____ effect on the church (v. 11) [1 Pet. 4:17; 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:1-4]

TAKE HOME

- Your sin is more ***serious*** than you think.
- You need the ***church*** more than you think.
- God is at ***work*** more than you think.

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 5:1-2. What is going on in the context? What was it that Ananias did that was wrong? How have you struggled in your life with putting on a good show in your outward appearance? (1 Sam. 16:7)

2. Read Acts 5:3-4c. Can Satan or a demon possess a person? Can they influence a person? How can we be on guard? (Matt. 16:21-23; Eph. 6:12; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Jms. 1:14)

3. Read Acts 5:4d-6. How does this passage point to the deity of the Holy Spirit? How does God decide when to offer mercy and when to render justice? What effect did this have on the church? (Psa. 51:4; Matt. 18:15; 1 Thes. 5:14; Lev. 10:1-2; 2 Sam. 6:6-7; 1 Cor. 11:28-30; 1 Jn. 5:16; Prov. 1:7; Psa. 34:9)

4. Read Acts 5:7-8. Did Sapphira do that exact same thing as her husband? What was their sin? How do you struggle with the fear of man? (Prov. 12:17; 19:9; 15:16, 21)

5. Read Acts 5:9-10. How was it that Ananias and Sapphira tested the Spirit of the Lord? What does that mean? What do we need to watch out for in our own lives? (Deut. 6:16; Matt. 4:6-7; Acts 15:10; 1 Cor. 10:9; Psa. 139:1-4; Gal. 6:7-8)

6. Read Acts 5:11. How did this whole situation have a positive effect on the church? What lessons can we learn as a church from this example? (1 Pet. 4:17; 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:1-4)

7. Read the take home points. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Lying to the Holy Spirit is a sin that Christians commit frequently today. When Christians act hypocritically by pretending a devotion that is not theirs, or a surrender of life they have not really made, they lie to the Holy Spirit. If God worked today as he did in the early Jerusalem church, undertakers would have much more work than they do.”

- Thomas Constable