



Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:1-11

1. _____ by Self-Interest

With the warmth of Barnabas' gift still fresh upon the scene, this couple wanted to find the means to step into the limelight and ingratiate themselves to the Apostles.

James 3:16 ~ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

2. _____ to Sin

Premeditated and performed, this couple determined to manipulate the moment through a conspired sin. This was a grave deception as there is no hiding the truth from the Spirit of Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:14 ~ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

3. _____ by the Apostle

What happens when confronted by the truth? Here is the opportunity offered by Christ through the Apostle for Ananias and Sapphira to come clean – to repent and show their hearts.

Matthew 18:15 ~ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."

4. _____ by the Holy Spirit

It is a walk upon thin ice to claim to know God and live against Him. The wages of sin is death and with no willingness to repent, this couple found themselves condemned.

Hebrews 6:8 ~ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

Acts 5:11

And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.



Ananias and Sapphira Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Matthew 6:1

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

Psalms 119:36

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

Isaiah 30:1

"Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

Matthew 12:14

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Nehemiah 13:11

So I confronted the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.

Galatians 2:11

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

James 5:19-20

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Joshua 7:15

"And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel."

Luke 20:47

...who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."