More Than What We Do!

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[1] But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold
a piece of property, [2] and with his wife's knowledge he
kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought
only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. [3] But
Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to
lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of
the proceeds of the land? [4] While it remained unsold, did
it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not
at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this
deed in your heart? [5] You have not lied to man but to
God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down
and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who
heard of it. [6] The young men rose and wrapped him up
and carried him out and buried him." – Acts 5:1–6 (ESV)

Is it possible to be doing all the right things, and yet neglect what is happening in our hearts?

God cares about who we are _____, not just what we are _____.

Being before doing!

God is not only interested in what we do for Him. He is deeply concerned about who we are becoming.

Being busy doing good things doesn't necessarily mean we are becoming more like Jesus.

Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' – Matthew 7:22–23 (NIV)

God values _____ over _____.

While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." – Acts 5:4 & 5 (ESV)

"God cannot heal the person you pretend to be."
– Dallas Willard

Being honest about our struggles doesn't make us less spiritual. It reminds us how much we need God's grace.

There is so much more of God to _____!

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own." – Philippians 3:12 (ESV)

Our imperfections should lead us to depend more on God's grace, not to give up on His transforming work.

God is not asking us to pretend we've already arrived. He's inviting us to keep walking with Him.