



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Ananias and Sapphira, the Hypocrites**
Series: **EYEWITNESS - ACTS**
Text: **Acts 5:1-11**
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*But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit** comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
(Acts 1:8)*

EYEWITNESS - Ananias and Sapphira, the _____

1. _____ IS AT THE HEART OF HYPOCRISY

*Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), 37 **sold a field he owned** and **brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.** (Ac 4:36–37).*

*Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also **sold a piece of property.** 2 With **his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself,** but **brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.** (Ac 5:1–2).*

THE SIN WAS NOT ABOUT _____ IS WAS ABOUT _____

*All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, **“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”** 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:5-7)*

SEVEN _____ of JESUS!

***Woe to you,** teachers of the law and Pharisees, **you hypocrites!**
(Matt. 23:13, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27, 29)*

*So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But **do not do what they do,** for **they do not practice what they preach.** (Matt. 23:3)*

*“Everything they do is done **for men to see.**” (Matt. 23:5)*

*The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and **whoever humbles himself will be exalted.** (Matt. 23:11-12)*

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE _____ OF THE DECEPTION

3 Then Peter said, “Ananias, **how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit** and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? **You have not lied to men but to God.**” (Ac 5:3–4). (1984). Zondervan.

- **THE SOURCE OF THE DECEPTION IS _____**

(Devil) He was **a murderer from the beginning**, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. **When he lies, he speaks his native language**, for he is a liar and **the father of lies.** (John 8:44)

- _____ **TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight**, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. (Psalm 51:1-4)

3. GOD IS _____ BUT HE IS ALSO _____

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. (Ac 5:5–6).

Peter said to Sappira, “**How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord?** Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” 10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. (Ac 5:9–10).

Do not be DECEIVED: God cannot be mocked. (Gal. 6:7)

THIS SHOULD BE A _____ TO ALL OF US!

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. (Ac 5:11).

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12 **So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!** 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:11–13