



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ WEDNESDAY

THF Students - Worship & Hangouts

6:30pm (Drop off at THF)-8:30pm (Pick Up at Rock Solid)

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship

6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

▶ JUNE 22 - Lord's Supper

▶ JUNE 29 & JULY 6 - One Service at 9:30am **Kinder-5th Grade will worship with families**

June 1, 2025

Please continue to check all
of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to
weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

May 25, 2025

BUDGET GIVING: \$17,249.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,346.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$377,929.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$397,976.00

Acts | 5:1-11

STOLEN VALOR

Half of the misery in the world comes from trying to look, instead of trying to be, what one is not!

- George McDonald



Spiritual Truth -

Anything that God does to reach and save and encourage people, Satan will counterfeit to discredit and discourage people!

Acts 5 is a **CONTINUATION** and contrast to the story at the end of Acts 4 -

Acts 4:32-37 -

Great **UNITY** v32

Great **SHARING** v32

Great **PREACHING** v32

Great **AGILITY** v33

Great **COMMITMENT** v34

Great **SACRIFICE** vv34-35

Great **REACH** and **GROWTH** ch2-4

Great **PRESENCE** v31

POWER greater than **PERSECUTION** ch4

WE ARE EVEN GIVEN A 'POSTER CHILD' IN BARNABAS

BUT ...a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira... 5:1

Acts 5:1-11 -

GREAT PROBLEMS

First recorded **SIN** in the church

First recorded **DEATH** in the church

POSTER CHILD - ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

Two Lessons: 1) Even in the most Spirit-filled church, EVIL is at work!

2) What Satan can't CONQUER he will CORRUPT !

① Ananias and Sapphira were **POSERS** vv1-2

- This passage affirms the right of **PRIVATE OWNERSHIP** in the church
- A & S were not responding to an **APOSTOLIC MANDATE** to sell out
- They were under **NO OBLIGATION** to give anything to the church

The problem was not **concealed cash** - it was about **CORRUPT CHARACTER**

② Ananias and Sapphira were **PRAISE SEEKERS** vv1-2

- This passage affirms the pattern of **GIVING** in the church (giving was given to the church leadership to coordinate ministry)
 - A & S wanted VALOR like Barnabas
- We see that **spiritual warfare** does not just come from **OUTSIDE** the church. This came from **within!** **JAS 1:14**

Were Ananias and Sapphira Christians?

→ They are **INCLUDED** in Acts 4:32

→ They were dealing with the Holy Spirit 5:3

→ The point of Acts 5 is sin in the CHURCH

→ Remember: Satan can **INFUENCE** believers

(Matt 16:21-23; Eph 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8-9)

→ **DEATH** can be God's divine correction for the believer

(1 Cor 11:30-32; 1 John 5:16)

→ The result was 'fear' coming on the **WHOLE CHURCH** v11

③ Ananias and Sapphira were unashamed **LIARS** vv3-4

— Their lying was a cover for their **HYPOCRISY**

— Their lying ultimately was against **GOD**

(This passage affirms the **DEITY** of the Holy Spirit)

— The source of their hypocrisy was a **GREEDY HEART**

CF JOSH 7 - ACHAN (*nophisasthai* = to embezzle)

④ Ananias and Sapphira were **CONSPIRATORIAL** v4

— They did not just lie and deceive on a whim: they **PLANNED** it

⑤ Even Christians can be Satan's **INSTRUMENTS** when we do that v3

— filled = *ep̄lērōsen* - same root as 4:31 - to be **INFLUENCED**

— their lie/deception **GRIEVED** the Holy Spirit **CF EPH 4:30**

⑥ The **FEAR** of the LORD came upon the church v11

- Is a reminder that God will be glorified either in our **LIFE** or **DEATH**
- Is a reminder that the **LORD** directs how HE IS to be worshiped
 - Is a reminder that **GRACE** is not license
- Is a reminder that **EVERY PART** of our lives should be pure before God

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:17 esv