

Hypocrisy Kills
Acts 4:36-5:11

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I. Holding back. Acts 4:36-5:2

"Half of the misery in the world is caused by people trying to _____, rather than trying to be." (George MacDonald)

- Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of land and gave part of the proceeds to the Apostles. The issue was not that they kept some of the money; the issue was _____ and lying to the Spirit!

II. Compounding the problem. Acts 5:3-4

Acts 5:3 "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to _____ to the Holy Spirit...Acts 5:4 You have not lied to men but to _____."

- Jesus spoke more on giving because there is a fundamental _____ between people's spiritual lives and their actions and attitudes concerning money and possessions.

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature _____ from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. NKJV

III. One consequence of sin is fear. Acts 5:5-11

During this celebration for the early Church, sin entered the assembly, and the celebration was interrupted by _____.

- **F = _____ . E = expectation. A = _____ . R = real.**

The name Ananias in Hebrew = "the LORD is _____."

The name Sapphira in Aramaic = "_____".

- The LORD loves you and He loves His bride, the Church, but if He didn't allow consequences for our sin, we would _____ Grace and would ruin our witness and lives. **Ephesians 2:4-5**

IV. Sin that leads to physical death.

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin _____ to death. NKJV

- Once we realize we are sinners, we need to not only confess Jesus as Savior, but we should also _____ to His Spirit, making Him LORD of our lives.

V. Hypocrisy kills.

1. Hypocrisy can kill our _____.
2. Hypocrisy can kill our _____.

3. Hypocrisy can kill our _____.
4. Hypocrisy is an _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 5:1-2**. What were the main issues with Ananias and Sapphira keeping part of the proceeds from selling their land? How can we as believers be guilty of the same heart motivation?
Matthew 7:20, Matthew 6:1-4, Proverbs 16:3, Proverbs 12:22, Matthew 23:12-16, James 4:7-8
2. Read **Acts 5:3-4**. According to the sermon notes, why did Jesus speak about money so often? Discuss the two ways that were mentioned in the sermon on how we can tell what a person is passionate about. (What they talk about and what priorities they set on money and possessions).
Hebrews 4:12-13, Luke 12:21, Matthew 6:21, 1 Timothy 6:10, 1 Corinthians 10:31
3. Read **Acts 5:5-11**. Do you believe the LORD will still cause people to die for lying to the Holy Spirit? Discuss why great fear came upon the Church. Discuss how sin can affect a church body.
Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 4:18-19
4. Read **1 John 5:16-17** and discuss the sin that can lead to physical death. Will the LORD remove some of His children from this life if they remain in habitual sin?
1 Peter 1:16, 1 Corinthians 5:6-13, 1 Corinthians 11:28-32, Ephesians 5:27, James 2:10, James 2:19-20, Romans 3:23
5. Discuss the four points in section V. of the sermon note sheet.
Matthew 15:7-8, 1 John 1:8-10