

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) When the Holy Spirit is at work, giving is a blessing, not a burden.
- 2) *5:1* The principles of giving are outlined in the New Testament, especially 2 Corinthians 8–9; nowhere are we instructed to bring money and lay it at the pastor’s feet.
- 3) *5:3* This was about much more than a piece of real estate. It was about spiritual warfare!
- 4) *5:4* The responsibility for sinning was on Ananias. The Bible does not place blame for our choice to sin on Satan. He is the tempter, but he cannot force us to sin.
- 5) *5:3-4* Two important truths about the Holy Spirit:
 - He is a being/entity, not an impersonal force (He can be lied to).
 - Verse 4 clarifies the deity of the Holy Spirit.
- 6) *5:5* The ultimate cause of Ananias’ death was God’s judgment.
- 7) Death can be God’s ultimate form of physical discipline for sinning believers.
- 8) *5:9* Peter’s role was to confront, not to judge.
- 9) *5:11* One aspect of discipline is that it deters others from sinning (1 Timothy 5:19–20).
- 10) Ananias and Sapphira experienced God’s judgment before they could do more damage to the church body.
- 11) Do not think that failure to reach our ideals in Christ is hypocrisy; no believer lives up to all that we have in the Lord. Hypocrisy is deliberate deception, trying to make people think we are more spiritual than we really are.
- 12) Two effects of believing in Jesus: “...the heart is loosened in relationship to things and tightened in its relationship to people.”

~Dr. John Piper

GREEK WORDS

Nosphizō—kept back, purloined, put aside for oneself, embezzled
Pseudomai (psyoo'-dom-ahee)—primary verb; to utter an untruth or attempt to deceive by falsehood
Ekpsychō—breathe one’s last, die; in New Testament, appears where someone is struck down by God’s judgment (Acts 12:23)

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