

## 9—Ananias and Sapphira

### Acts 5:1-16

1. At the end of Acts 4, we read of the giving generosity of Barnabas towards his fellow saints who were in need (4:36-37). As a contrast, what does Ananias do with the property he sold (Acts 5:1-3; cp. Titus 2:10)?

2. According to Peter, did Ananias have the right to keep some of the money from the land sale (5:4)?

3. So, what exactly was the sin of Ananias? What accusations are made concerning him in Acts 5:3-4? What might have been the motivations behind this sin?



4. What happens to Ananias as a result of his sin (Acts 5:5)? What effect does this have upon the church?

5. Just three hours later, who comes in and what does she not yet realize about her husband (Acts 5:7)? Is her story any different than her husband's (5:8)?

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6. What does the consistency of this husband and wife pair indicate to Peter about them (Acts 5:9)? Most importantly, Who is able to reveal to Peter this information (5:9)? What is her punishment (5:10-11)?

7. Husbands and wives ought to hold one another accountable. This is part of being a “helper” to one another (Genesis 2:20). Yet, sometimes we can be complicit with one another in sin. What does this powerful example teach us? What might we learn about being a good marriage partner from this inspired text?

8. Although we do not physically die the moment we sin, what are the consequences for us spiritually? If we took spiritual death as seriously as physical death then what might be our attitude toward sin?

9. What did the apostles continue to do (Acts 5:12, 16)? Did they only share their faith in private or was this being done in public (5:12)? What kind of impact were they having upon the world around them (5:13-15)?

10. Can we expect to impact the lost world if we only talk about our faith among people of faith? What kinds of things can we do to help shine our light and have a positive influence upon the lost around us today?