

Ananias & Sapphira

(Acts 5:1-11)

- Introduction:
1. When God makes mention of a person in Scripture, there must be a reason for it; a lesson to learn.
 2. What can we learn about Ananias & Sapphira.

I. Had Either Of Them Been A Better Spouse, It Never Would Have Happened

- A. (Acts 5:1-2).
- B. One of the blessing of marriage is that you have someone who can be strong when you are weak (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).
- C. (Genesis 3:1-13).
- D. I know of no single factor that has more to do with your faithfulness to God than your spouse.

II. They Were Both Guilty of Lying

- A. (Acts 5:3-4,9).
- B. (Revelation 21:8).
- C. (Romans 3:8) The ends do not justify the means.
- D. (Proverbs 6:16-19) Seven things God hates.

III. They Were Proud

- A. The reason for their giving was not to help the poor, but to make a name for themselves.
- B. (Proverbs 16:18; 6:16-19).
- C. Can you serve when no one knows or no one cares (Hebrews 6:10).
- D. (Mark 9:41).

IV. They Were Short-Sighted

- A. God sees all and knows all.
- B. (Ecclesiastes 12:14).
- C. Many attempt to hide their sins.
- D. There is freedom in moral living (Romans 13:3).
- E. A morality that does not consider accountability is bound to become degenerate.

- Conclusion:
1. The fact that judgment doesn't occur immediately as it did with Ananias and Sapphira doesn't mean that God doesn't know and won't hold us accountable.
 2. Brethren, develop the kind of morals that will allow you to stand before the judgment seat of Christ and say as David did, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).