



Power From on High

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Acts 4:1-11 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. 6 The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." 9 Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well." 10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside

her husband. 11 And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

Luke's flow of thought.

“ _____ ”



Acts 4:32 **AND** the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul;

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There was another kind of filling.

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Proof that the Bible is God's word.

1. Internal consistency
2. Prophetic fulfillment
3. Archaeological discoveries
4. Scientific accuracy
5. _____

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“kept back”

4 “While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control?”

[nosphizo] -

Titus 2:9–10 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not **pilfering**, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

“himself”

Middle voice - The subject that produces the action with self-interest. There is a vested interest.

This shows that Ananias kept some of the money for the selfish reason of greed.

There are _____ of sin.

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“Ananias” -

“with his wife’s full knowledge”

1. A failure of _____.

Ananias, as the husband, led his wife into sin.

What about Sapphira?

“full knowledge”

2. The _____ of sin. (_____)

Isaiah 29:13 Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,

Matthew 6:1–6 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. 2 “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men.

We shouldn't be too hard on the couple.

An important distinction about hypocrisy.

3. _____ to the Holy Spirit.

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The law demanded the fulfillment of a vow.

Numbers 30:2 “If a man makes a vow to the Lord, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Vows are unnecessary for the N.T. Christian.

Matthew 5:37 “But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.

5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it.

Implication

1 Peter 5:8–9 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Discussion Guide

1. Even though the intent of today's passage is not to teach on marriage, it does illustrate the importance of headship and submission. In light of this, share some examples of how these function in real life.

How could Sapphira have handled herself differently?

2. How is being filled with the Holy Spirit and being filled with Satan different and how do you think the change takes place.

3. Jesus said that our yes should be yes and our no should be no. Are Christians people of their word?

4. What is the key motivation for hypocrisy? Do some brainstorming on what hypocrisy looks like today.

5. We finished today with 1 Peter 5:8-9. Reread it and discuss what Peter means by "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert."

ANSWERS: filled with the Holy Spirit, Transparency, layers, male headship, act, Hypocrisy, Lying