

Today's Study Focus: Wanting What Really Matters: A Holiday Series, Pt 2

Approach Challenges with Faith over Fear (Acts 5: 1-11) Ananias & Sapphira

- Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

1.They withheld money for themselves.

What were Ananias & Sapphira Afraid of _____

Who God is and what God promises: _____

**Who provides food for the raven when it's Young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food.
Job 38:41**

**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, Having all that you need,
you will abound every good work. II Cor. 9:8**

2) They put the rest at the apostles feet

Where Ananias and Sapphira went wrong: _____

What God really wants from us: _____

**The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. Prov.
11:3**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he
withhold from those whose walk is blameless (Psalm 84:11)**

- **3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."**

What happened to Ananias & Sapphira: _____

What Ananias & Sapphira didn't understand about God: _____

- **5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what happened. 6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, who carried him out and buried him. 7 About 3 hours later his wife came in, not knowing what it happened. 8 Peter asked her tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land? "Yes," she said, that is the price. 9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they would carry you out also." 10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about this event.**

Where Ananias and Sapphira went wrong: _____

What God really wants from us: _____

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, since the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it Malachi 3:10

An Authentic Gratitude For God Makes An Eternal Difference, II Cor. 4 15- 18 Thanksgiving to Glory

- **All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people because Thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away Karma yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. for our light and momentary troubles achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, But on what is unseen, since what is seen it's temporary, what is unseen is eternal.**
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Further personal study: **Ps.7:1-7** (*My shield is God Most High*) **Col. 1:3-14** (*giving joyful thanks to the father.*)