



Title | Deadly Heart Problem
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 5:1-11
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Sermon Notes

Acts 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, **2** and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and 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 for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? **4** While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." **5** When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. **6** The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. **7** After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8** And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." **9** But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." **10** Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. **11** And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Acts 5:4

". . .Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? . . ."

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 4:36-37 and Acts 5:1-11. Compare Ananias and Sapphira with Barnabas. How are they similar? How are they different?

Tuesday:

In Acts 5:1-11, what do you think Ananias and Sapphira do wrong? What steps lead to their behavior?

Wednesday:

In Acts 5:1-11, God strikes Ananias and Sapphira dead for their sin. How do you reconcile this with God's love and grace?

Thursday:

In Acts 5:1-11, why does God deal with sin in such an immediate and severe way back then, when he doesn't seem to do that today?

Friday:

What is the overriding lesson you take from Acts 5:1-11? Specifically, how can you apply it to your life today?

Daily Prayer:

I am sobered by the example of Ananias and Sapphira. Please help me to be aware of my motives, particularly as they relate to my part in your church. Help me with my unbelief. Grant me a healthy fear, knowing that motive matters to you. Amen.