

3. Chapter 5 opens with the word “But” which means “however” or “on the contrary”. What is the significance of the word “But” in verse 1?

4. Do you think Ananias and Sapphira's selling a possession had anything to do with Barnabas selling his land? Why or why not?

“Half of the misery in the world comes from trying to look, instead of trying to be, what one is not.”

George MacDonald

5. What do you think they were hoping to gain?

6. What does Matthew 6:1-4 say about our charitable deeds?

7. Ananias and Sapphira kept back part of the proceeds but led the apostles to believe they gave all. What were they guilty of?

8. Define the word hypocrite.

9. In their hypocrisy, what were they trying to portray?

A. What would be some reasons today for hypocrisy among God's people?

10. Read I Corinthians 3:12-17. What does the Lord say about our motives and what test will they go through?

11. What is the motivation for the things that you do? Are you motivated by your love and obedience to the Lord or to receive glory and recognition for yourself? *Allow the Lord to search your heart.....*

12. What does Peter accuse Ananias of doing in verse 3?

“Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.” Oliver Wendall Holmes

13. What do the following verses say about lying?

Proverbs 12:19

Proverbs 21:6

Ephesians 4:25

"Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, much less lying lips to a prince." Pr. 17:7
How much more an ambassador of Christ?

14. According to Proverbs 12:22, how does God feel about lying compared to honesty?

- 15.** Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and write down what the Lord hates. *Take some time to think about.....*

“Pride opens up the door to every other sin, for once we are more concerned with our reputation than our character, there is no end to the things we will do just to make ourselves “look good” before others.”

Warren Wiersbe

- 16.** What was the result of Ananias' sin?

- 17.** How do you feel when you find out you've been “taken” or deceived?

- A.** What damage is done?

18. In verse 8 Peter gave Sapphira an opportunity to tell the truth. The price of the possession was not the issue, her deceitfulness was. How did she answer Peter?

19. What was the result of her sin?

20. Have you ever concealed sin in your life thinking it wouldn't harm anyone else?

A. What do you think now?

21. Why do you think God's judgement was strong and forth coming?

22. What would have been the danger had Sapphira and Ananias not been removed from the body?

23. What was the result of God's judgement? *(see verse 11 & 14)*

24. What is the moral of the story, in your mind, concerning Sapphira?