



Acts 4:32-5:11

Sin enters the church

1. Context:

- a. This story occurs _____ the time described in Acts 4:31.
 - * We've left the "how the church got started" part of the story and are entering into the "what the church is doing" part of the story.

- b. The practice described in this passage was not _____, but was not uncommon either.
 - * Notice that Verse 36 is an "even Barnabas" notation

- c. Ananias and Sapphira are _____ in "All the Believers" in verse 32.

- d. We can only _____ as to their motives:
 - * For the recognition, praise, and admiration of others
 - * Greed and/or Selfishness
 - * Hoping to advance into leadership as Barnabas seemed to be
 - * Any combination of these and perhaps even other things as well

2. Lessons to be learned from this text:

- a. Generosity is a _____ of the Spirit
 - * They were "filled with the Holy Spirit" (vs 31)
 - * They shared everything (This was miraculous generosity)

- b. A generous church _____ leaders leading and needs being met.
- * The Apostles did not have to worry about anything but preaching
 - * The people did not have to worry about anything but growing
- c. A congregation _____ the example of its leadership
- * The people followed the example of the Apostles with Jesus
 - * Barnabas became a leader in the church much like an apostle.
- d. _____ are still susceptible to temptation from Satan
- * Acts 3:5 "Satan has so filled your heart"
- e. At some level, lying to your spiritual leaders is equivalent to lying to _____.
- * Acts 5:3-4
- f. It would seem that God is _____ of lying.
- * Proverbs 6:16-19
 - * Jeremiah 29:21
 - * The cost to Ananias and Sapphira was their lives
- g. We too should be seized by _____ when it comes to hypocrisy. (Acts 5:11)

Applications:

1. When led by God to be generous, we should embrace it as an act of _____
2. At some level, generosity should be present in our _____ lives as believers
3. Leadership must be _____ of being followed.
4. Young believers need to learn from and become _____ their leaders.
5. We are saved from sin, _____ temptation, or even the _____ of sin.
6. We should never play _____ with God.