

NOVEMBER 21, 2020
“RESPONSIVE LOVE”

Scripture Focus: Acts 4:32-37; Acts 5:1-11



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT
Saturday at 6:00 pm


EXPERIENCING GOD'S GLORY THROUGH
Following



**Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
PROVERBS 29:18 KJV**

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“A Closed hand misses
two blessings in life. It can
neither enjoy the blessing
of giving to others nor
receive blessings from a
loving God.”
- Dr. David Jeremiah

Quote of
the Day

LESSON OUTLINE

ACTS 4:32-37

I. **GENEROSITY EXERCISED**

▶ **A. Unity in Purpose**

- Acts 4:32-35

▶ **B. Example of Giving**

- Acts 4:36-37

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LESSON OUTLINE

ACTS 5:1-11

II. DECEPTION EXPOSED

- ▶ **A.** A Couple's Plan
 - Acts 5:1-2
- ▶ **B.** Satan and Ananias
 - Acts 5:3-6
- ▶ **C.** The Spirit and Sapphira
 - Acts 5:7-11

KEY WORDS

UNITY

DECEPTION

PRETENDING

SIN

FEAR



Icebreaker Question #1

What do we tend to hold
back from the Lord?



Icebreaker Question #2

How does this lesson
challenge us today?

Bonus Question

What does it mean
to fear God?

CONCLUSION

While we may not understand exactly how the Spirit works in the church or what He is up to all the time, church business is serious business. Faith and fraud cannot coexist. For this reason, when we allow the Spirit to lead us, we will be genuine givers like Barnabas, not sly and deceitful like Ananias and Sapphira.

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CONCLUSION

Dishonesty within the church can destroy it entirely and must be dealt with severely. The very thought of doing a good deed to receive kudos and honors violates the spirit of charity. As Jesus taught, when we give for relief of the poor, it should be so private that our left hand doesn't know about the money our right hand put in the offering basket (Matthew 6:3). This requires a delicate balance of being a witness at the same time (Acts 5:16). But when we yield our hearts to the Spirit, we know that he sees our deeds and blesses them (Acts 6:4).

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

IMPARTIAL LOVE

FALL QUARTER
"STRUGGLES WITH LOVE"

James 2:1-13

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:

1. What has God promised to the poor of this world? (James 2:5)
2. In what practical ways can we show genuine love to people of different races, cultures, and economic standing?

Prayer List

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