

Acts – Week 4
Acts 5:1-11
“Choices And Consequences”

1. Acts 5:1–10 describes a _____ that takes place in the _____ church.

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. ²He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest.

³Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. ⁴The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!”

⁵As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. ⁶Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.

⁷About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸Peter asked her, “Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?”

“Yes,” she replied, “that was the price.”

⁹And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too.”

¹⁰Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

Acts 5:1-10 NLT

Verse 2 says they “kept back” some of the money. “Kept back (Gk. *nosphizō*) means ‘to put aside for oneself, to keep back’ in a secret and dishonest way.

They actually received a sentence of death for holding back some of the spoils that were supposed to be dedicated to God.

He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. Acts 5:2 NLT

2. satan was the one who _____ Ananias and Sapphira to lie. Instead of being _____ ...and allowing the Holy Spirit to bless them and impact them, they _____ their hearts to be _____ by the devil to lie to the Holy Spirit

Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.

Acts 5:3 NLT

satan will always try to tempt you away from listening to the Holy Spirit

During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." Matthew 4:3 NLT

That is why, when I could bear it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out whether your faith was still strong. I was afraid that the tempter had gotten the best of you and that our work had been useless. 1 Thessalonians 3:5 NLT

we can overcome satan's attacks by submitting to God and resisting the devil

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 NLT

With every temptation that satan seeks to sabotage us with, God limits it and provides a means of escape

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

3. _____ the devil and _____ temptation is not just about saying no but also saying _____ to the life God desires for us to live.