

Acts 4:32-5:11

Giving to the Church Is Serious Business to God

A Good Example of What to Do 4:32-37

The Generosity of Barnabas: Highlighted by Luke

General Statement v32-35

Superlatively Generous Sharing/Giving Was the Order of the Day in the Church
(which in turn freed the Apostles to focus on the main things)

Specific Instance v36-37

Barnabas Was Superlatively Generous Both Interpersonally and Financially

A Good Example of What Not to Do 5:1-11

The Hypocrisy of Ananias/Sapphira: Highlighted by God

The Problem v1-2

Was Lying about the Percentage Given Not Keeping Some of the Profits
IOWs: Don't overpromise and then under-deliver

Ananias and the Sin Unto Death v3-6

Sapphira and the Sin Unto Death v7-11

The Sin Unto Death: the Exodus Generation; I Cor 11:30; 1 Jn 5:14-17

When a believer is involved in a pattern of sinful behavior that becomes so harmful to him/her, to others and so damaging to the work of God, that the Lord ends that individual's physical life.

Take This To Heart

Giving to the Church is Serious Business to God, Therefore...

...It Should be Serious Business to Us Too

Jesus ascends
Establishment of the NT Church
Salvation of a Lame Beggar
Unleashing of Persecution
Sin in the Church

Impact of Deacons
Stephen's Stoning

A broad with Philip (Samaria and Gaza)
Life comes to Saul/Paul
Invitation/Salvation to Cornelius
Verification of Gentile Salvation
Execution of James/Escape of Peter

Antioch Bible Fellowship Flourishes
Synagogues Strike

Heresy Corrected
Europe Evangelized
Apathy in Athens
Disciples at Corinth

Offense of the Gospel
Farewell to Ephesian Elders

Hebrews Riot
Instruction in the Temple
Sanhedrin Sizzles

Bondage under Felix
Roman Appeal before Festus
Inflencing King Agrippa
Disaster at Sea
Entry into Rome