

God Knows

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Have you ever felt guilt?

Have you ever tried to hide your deeds from others? From God?

READ Acts 5:1-11 But a man named Ananias , with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property ²and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles feet. ³But Peter said, "Ananias why has satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." ⁵When Ananias heard these words he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard it. ⁶The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. ⁷After an interval of about 3 hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸And Peter said to her,tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "yes for so much." ⁹"How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door and they will carry you out." ¹⁰Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard these things.

What did they try to get by with?

Why was their punishment so harsh?

Does God want only a part of us? Why or why not?

Who does God want us to be dependent on? Ourselves? Our finances?

In whom do we trust? Proverbs 3:5

Who is the greatest beneficiary when we put all our trust in God?

READ Acts 5:34,38,39 34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a while. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or undertaking is of man, it will fail, ³⁹BUT IF IT IS OF GOD, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!

Who was Gamaliel? What does it say about him?

In vrs 38, What does he suggest?

In verse 39, he makes a very important statement? What is it?

In the story of Ananias and Sapphira, were their actions of God?

Are my actions all of God?

When they are not, God has a solution; 2 Corinthians 12:9 But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Thank you Jesus!