

Devotion Info
Playing With Holy Fire

DAY 1 Read Acts 4:32-35

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- Why did the early church pool their resources?

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- Does the Bible teach socialism?
- How do we know? (Refer to II Thessalonians 3:8-10 and I Timothy 5:8)

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DAY 3 Read Acts 5:1-11

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[3] 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. [4] The 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!"

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[7] About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. [8] Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price."

[9] And 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."

[10] Instantly, 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. [11] Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened

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- Why did God kill Ananias and Sapphira? Why did he use such drastic measures?

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- What does God's response to Ananias' and Sapphira's sin tell us about God?

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DAY 5 Read II Corinthians 7:1

[1] Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.
II Corinthians 7:1 NLT

- What is "the fear of the Lord?"
- Why do we need a HEALTHY fear of the Lord?
- Compare and contrast a time when you did not have an adequate fear of the Lord with a time when you did have a healthy fear of the Lord. What were the results?

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