

Living with Integrity

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Awareness of areas of growth, vulnerability with others, deeper prayer life

Who this is for: Everyone

Desired impact on disciples: See how prayer can change actions

Desired impact on campus/home/others: See how God changes people's inner being

Hear the word

Acts 5:1-10

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

- What did Ananias and Sapphira do that angered God?
- Why is God angry about this?

Respond actively

We are the best way for others to know who God is. When we act without integrity, we give a false image of God to others. What is an area of your life where you are tempted to act in a way that is not pleasing to God? In partners, share one area and what time that happens during your week. Set reminders to pray for the other person at that time, and message them when you pray.

Debrief and Interpret

- How did you feel sharing with someone about a challenge in your life?
- Did you remember to pray for your partner? How did you feel about it?
- How (if at all) did your attitude, behavior, or mindset change this week during *your* time of challenge?
- How did it feel to know someone was praying for you?

Expand the influence

Share another area