

72. Sapphira, Ananias' Wife

But A certain man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property,

And with his wife's knowledge and connivance he kept back and wrongfully appropriated some of the proceeds, bringing only a part and putting it at the feet of the apostles.

But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart that you should lie to and attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit, and should [in violation of your promise] withdraw secretly and appropriate to your own use part of the price from the sale of the land?

As long as it remained unsold, was it not still your own? And [even] after it was sold, was not [the money] at your disposal and under your control? Why then, is it that you have proposed and purposed in your heart to do this thing? [How could you have the heart to do such a deed?] You have not [simply] lied to men [playing false and showing yourself utterly deceitful] but to God.

Upon hearing these words, Ananias fell down and died. And great dread and terror took possession of all who heard of it. And the young men arose and wrapped up [the body] and carried it out and buried it.

Now after an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not having learned of what had happened.

And Peter said to her, Tell me, did you sell the land for so much? Yes, she said, for so much.

Then Peter said to her, How could you two have agreed and conspired together to try to deceive the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out [also].

And instantly she fell down at his feet and died; and the young men entering found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

And the whole church and all others who heard of these things were appalled [great awe and strange terror and dread seized them]. (Acts 5:1-11 AMP)



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ANANIAS	FALSE	PIECE
APOSTLES	HEART	PRICE
APPROPRIATED	INTERVAL	PROCEEDS
AWE	KEPT	PROMISE
CARRY	KNOWLEDGE	SALE
CONNIVANCE	LIE	SAPPHIRA
CONSPIRED	LONG	SATAN
DECEITFUL	MONEY	TERROR
DECEIVE	PART	VIOLATION
DREAD	PETER	WRONGFULLY