

## 12-28-25 Discussion Questions

The early church in Acts shared everything they had and no one claimed possessions as their own. What would it take for you personally to reach that level of trust and generosity with fellow believers?

Ananias and Sapphira died for lying about their giving while keeping back part of the proceeds. Why do you think God dealt so severely with deception in the early church, and what does this reveal about His view of authenticity?

The pastor mentioned that we often lie about money in various ways, from exaggerating deals to hiding what we have. In what areas of your financial life might you be less than completely honest with God or others?

Peter told Ananias that the land and money were his to do with as he pleased, so the sin was not in keeping some but in lying about it. How does this distinction between freedom and honesty challenge your understanding of Christian giving?

The sermon emphasized that Satan filled Ananias and Sapphira's hearts by controlling their thoughts and turning something spirit-led into something fleshly. How can you recognize when your good intentions are being twisted by deceptive thinking?

The pastor asked whether the world can see any difference between Christians and non-Christians in our lifestyle and choices. What specific ways should believers stand out as a peculiar people in today's culture?

Paul wrote about demolishing strongholds, which are concrete mindsets contrary to God's word. What strongholds or deeply held beliefs might you need to examine to ensure they align with Scripture rather than tradition or personal preference?

The early believers experienced great fear after witnessing God's judgment on deception. How should healthy fear or reverence for God impact the way

we approach worship, giving, and truthfulness in our daily lives?

The message challenged us to ask God what would make Him smile in 2026 rather than just seeking comfort. What risky or uncomfortable step might God be calling you to take that would honor Him this coming year?

Barnabas gave freely and secretly while Ananias and Sapphira gave to be seen and praised. How can you examine your motives for service and giving to ensure they flow from genuine love for God rather than desire for recognition?