

Bible Women Still Speak

Lesson 9 – Sapphira

1. Briefly describe the events in Acts 4:32-5:11.
 - What do you think Ananias and Sapphira were hoping to gain?

2. What did Peter accuse Ananias of doing in verse 3? Sapphira in verse 9?
 - *“The essence of lying is in deception, not in words.”* How did Ananias and Sapphira’s lie translate into hypocrisy?

3. Define the word *hypocrite*.
 - What reasons do you think there are for hypocrisy among God’s people?

4. According to Proverbs 12:22, how does God view lying?
 - List some examples of “acceptable” lies in our culture.
 - Are there any lies you view as acceptable or necessary? If so, what are they and why do you think them acceptable?

- Understanding God's view from Proverbs 12:22, what change(s) will you make to stop accepting or telling those lies?

5. Define what it means to live and be *honest* and *truthful*.

6. There are times a believer might not *feel* or want to go to church, reading their Bible, or lifting their hands in worship yet they do it anyway. Is this hypocritical? Why or why not?

7. What would have been the danger to the newly birthed church had God not removed Ananias and Sapphira so dramatically?

- How does the danger of lying and hypocrisy affect the church today?

8. What has the Lord spoken to you personally from the lesson of Sapphira's life?

9. What change(s) do you need to make to live and speak honestly and truthfully?