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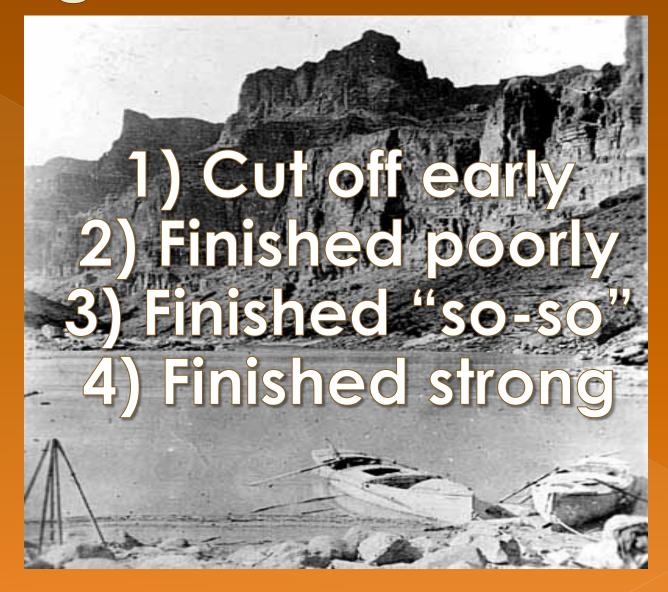
"LOOKING FOR THE MAN WHO SHOT MY PAW"





JOHN WESLEY POWELL



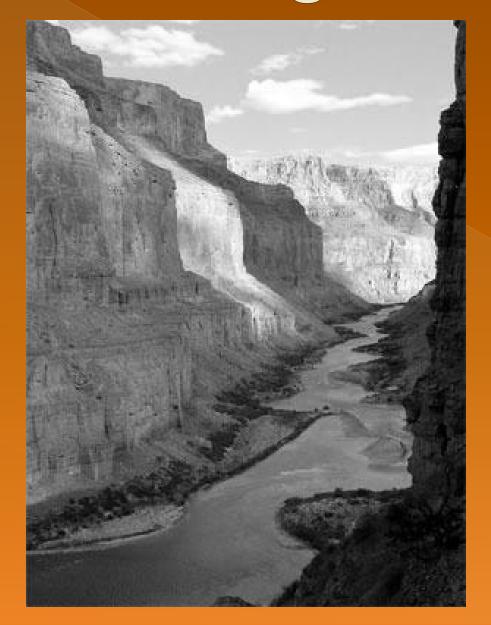






THE AMBUSH OF SELF-DESIRE VS. GODLY DECISION.





Your actions say more than words.



Finishing So, so and Not so, so! Act 5:1 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property.

Act 5:2 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.

Act 4:36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement),

Act 4:37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.





"Beware of no man than yourself, we carry our worst enemies within us."

-- Charles Spurgeon

ITHE AMBUSH OF PERSONAL POWER VS. GOD PRIORITY



Act 5:3 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? Act 5:4 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 to men but to God."

Act 5:5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

Ananias and Sapphira were more interested in looking good than doing good for God



Act 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

Act 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

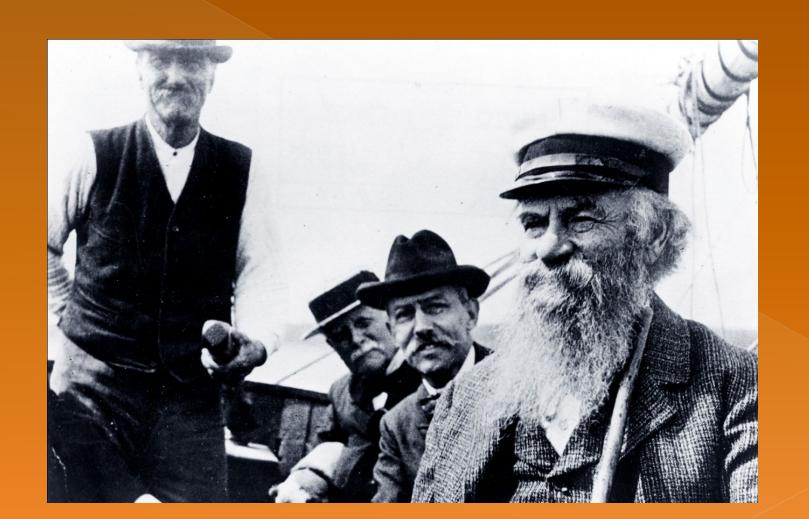


"If you make money your God, it will plague you like the devil."

--Henry Fielding



Finishing So, so and Not so, so! THE AMBUSH OF POSITION VS. PEOPLE





Act 5:11
Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.



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and much grace was upon them all.



Finishing So, so and Not so, so! The neglect of avoiding an ambush can take your life.





"Life today is a result of your choices yesterday. Your life tomorrow will be a result of your choices today."





