

## MY HEART - the work of the heart

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Passage: Acts 5:1-5

But a man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property, + with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds + brought only a part of it + laid it at the apostles feet. But Peter said, "Ananias why has satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit + to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have continued this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down + breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.

## My Thoughts

We will always have something in our lives that no matter what, we will refuse to let it go and turn it over to God. That's because although we are completely washed and forgiven of our sins, we are still sinful because we are human. So what is it today that you can give over to God? What's something that you are holding back and refuse to allow God to have and use for His glory? Often times we hold back on letting God have control of something small and then wonder why he "hasn't been blessing" us. Why would God bless those that show no sign of giving up small things for His use? What if we viewed every minute, every word, every dollar, every breath as a test from God to see if we are going to give it up to him? How would we do? Would \$6 be used for His glory? Would 4.5 minutes of our time be given to Christ? Would one encouraging sentence be enough? In this story, only a part of the proceeds went to God. If God measured it right now,

## Leadings: (note cards)

would he say that only a portion of my money went to him? Or would he say every single dollar, "he used for my glory! Every single minute today, he used to praise me! I would guess that in our thoughts, time, + money we look exactly how Ananias looks in this story. We look like greedy pigs because we don't completely turn over everything to God. And each time we do that, we're essentially telling God that we can use

"So Jotham became mighty because he ordered his ways before the Lord his God."

2 Chronicles 27:6

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Our time, talents, thoughts, + money better than He can. Don't be like Ananias. Instead, be faithful w/ the small things God has entrusted you w/ + use them for His glory!