

Assignments on Acts 5

Read Acts 5 then answer these questions:

1. What man and wife also made a contribution, but what error did they commit – 5:1-3? (Think: What can we learn from this about what influences people to sin?)

2. **Application:** What can we learn here about possessions and church contributions (note v4)? What distinction is made between individual possessions and church possessions?

3. What happened to the man who committed the sin? (Think: What is there in 5:3,4 that shows the Holy Spirit possesses Deity?)

4. **Application:** What lessons can we learn from this story about lying?

5. When did Sapphira come, and what did she say about the property they sold – 5:7,8?

6. What did Peter say they had done wrong – 5:9?

7. What happened to her as a result – 5:10?

8. What effect did this have on the church and other people– 5:11?

9. List other **passages** about lying and deceit.

10. List other **passages** about discipline of erring church members (withdrawal, etc.). (Think: In what ways does this example differ from other passages about church discipline?)

11. **Application:** What can we learn about church discipline from this example?

12. Tell where the disciples met and describe how they increased in number – 5:12-14.

13. Describe the miracles done by the apostles – 5:15,16.

14. **Application:** How does this differ from modern so-called miracle workers?

15. Who caused the apostles to be arrested again, and what was their motive – 5:17,18?

16. How were the apostles released, and what were they told to do – 5:19,20? (Think: How does this compare to what the rulers had ordered them to do?)

17. What did the apostles do and where did they do it – 5:21? (Think: How does this demonstrate the apostles' courage and conviction?)

18. When the council sent for the apostles in prison, what did they find – 5:22,23?

19. What effect did this have on the rulers, and where did they locate the apostles – 5:24,25? (Think: What lesson should they have learned from this?)

20. What precautions did they take when they arrested the apostles? Why – 5:26?

21. What complaint did the high priest raise – 5:27,28? (Think: Have we accomplished in our day what the apostles did? How would we have reacted in their place?)

22. How did Peter respond? Where have we studied a similar response – 5:29?

<p>23. Application: Explain the principle involved in Peter's statement. List some other circumstances in life in which we must apply this principle.</p>
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24. What charge did Peter repeat? Who did He say Jesus really is – 5:30,31?

25. Who besides the apostles bore witness that these things were true– 5:32? (Think: Note the continued emphasis on witnesses, and explain how the Holy Spirit gave witness.)

26. What was the council's initial reaction to Peter's speech – 5:33? (Think: Does this prove Peter did wrong? Are we wrong just because people get angry at what we teach?)

27. Compare 5:33 to 2:37, and describe the different audience reactions.

28. What man suggested a different course to the council, and what was this man like – 5:34? (Think: Find other references to this man.)

29. What man is described in 5:36, what did he do, and what happened to him?

30. What man is described in 5:37, what did he do, and what happened to him?

31. What conclusion is stated in 5:38? (Think: Is this conclusion valid? Should we follow this advice regarding false doctrine? Compare other verses about dealing with false doctrine.)

32. What conclusion is stated in 5:39? (Think: Is this the best advice? If a doctrine **is** from God, besides not opposing it, what should we do?)

33. What did the council finally do with the apostles – 5:40? (Think: How did this differ from the first hearing before the council?)

34. What attitude did the disciples have regarding this persecution – 5:41?

35. Despite the rulers' commands, what did the apostles do – 5:42?

<p>36. Application: What should we learn from the apostle's conduct as they faced persecution?</p>
