



“Apostles On the Porch! - ‘Take Care What You Propose to Do...’”

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“Acts: God’s Friends, His Power, & the Ends of the Earth,” pt 5



Acts 5:1 ¶ But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property;

Acts 5:2 with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet.\*





Rom. 12:6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: ...

prophecy, ... Rom. 12:7 ... service...teaching

Rom. 12:8 exhortation... gives, with liberality...





Acts 5:3 “Ananías,” Peter asked, “why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land?”\*

Acts 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!”





Acts 5:5 Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it.



Acts 5:6 The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.





Acts 5:9 Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”\*

Acts 5:10 Immediately she fell down at his feet and died.

When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.





Acts 5:11 And great  
fear seized the whole  
church and all who  
heard of these things.





Acts 5:12 ¶ Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.\*



Acts 5:13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem.\*





Acts 5:14 Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women,

Acts 5:15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by.\*

Acts 5:16 A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.





Acts 5:17 ¶ Then the high priest took action;  
he and all who were with him (that is, the sect  
of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy,  
Acts 5:18 arrested the apostles and put them  
in the public prison.\*





Acts 5:19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said,\*

Acts 5:20 “Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.”\*





Acts 5:21 When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching. ¶ When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought.\*





Acts 5:22 But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,

Acts 5:23 “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”





Acts 5:25 Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"





Acts 5:26 Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.\*





Acts 5:27 ¶ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

Acts 5:28 saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,<sup>n</sup> yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”\*





Matt. 27:24 ¶ When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; see to that yourselves.”

Matt. 27:25 And all the people said, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!”





Acts 5:29 But Peter and  
the apostles answered,  
“We must obey God  
rather than men.





Acts 5:30 “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

Acts 5:31 “He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 5:32 “And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”





Acts 5:33 ¶ When they  
heard this, they were  
enraged and wanted  
to kill them.\*





Acts 5:34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time.

Acts 5:35 Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men."





Acts 5:36 For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him, but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared.

Acts 5:37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered.





Acts 5:38 So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail;\* Acts 5:39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!” ¶ They were convinced by him,





Acts 5:40 and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go.

Acts 5:41 As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.





Acts 5:42 And every day  
in the temple and at  
home they did not cease  
to teach and proclaim  
Jesus as the Messiah.







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