

Making Disciples

Honesty – It Can Save Your Life

Acts 5:1-11

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Introduction:

- This morning we will be looking at lying.
 - At the same time, I am not advocating being BRUTAL with the truth ... Many people do this and they are seen as RUDE ... Arrogant ... and not merciful in any way at all.
 - **1st Peter 3:15**
 - **James 1:12-15**
 - **Acts 5:1-11**
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1. Desire:

- a. **Acts 5:1-2**
- b. Why do we desire to be dishonest?
- c. **John 8:44**
- d. **Acts 4:36-37**
- e. There are four basic reasons we desire to be dishonest:
 - i. It makes us look good – **2nd Samuel 1:9-10**
 - ii. To justify what we do –
 - iii. To cover up the Truth – **Genesis 3:1 ... Genesis 4:9**
 - iv. To get what we want – **Matthew 2:8**

2. Disobedience:

- a. **Acts 5:3**
- b. LET ME FIRST CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION ... The fact that Ananias sold property and only gave a portion of the money to the church, is NOT the sin.
- c. **Acts 5:4**
- d. Greek – **Nosphizo** ... English – Kept back ... Means – “To hold back ... to steal.”
- e. **Joshua 7** – Achan
- f. According to Webster’s ... **Hypocrite** – “A Person that professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to hide their real feelings or motives.”
- g. Another name for a hypocrite is a “Poser” ... “Imposter” ... a “Phony” ... “Fraud” ... “Pretender.”
- h. There are THREE steps involved in any sin:
 - i. Allowing the enemy to pull you away from God with temptation –
 - ii. You know God’s command and you still go against it –
 - iii. You choose your will over God’s –
- i. **Acts 5:5**



3. Death:

- a. When we overlook sin, we need to remember, these same sins are the very reason that Jesus died on the Cross.
- b. When you think of that way ... it now becomes something that is not only serious ... BUT ... it is also spiritually deadly.
- c. Sin can still bring immediate death:
 - i. Sin can still bring immediate death to our relationships –
 - ii. Sin can still bring immediate death to our integrity – **Proverbs 10:9 ... 2nd Corinthians 1:12**
 - iii. Sin can still bring immediate death to our character -
 - iv. Sin can still bring immediate death to our witness –
- d. Unlike our relationship with Jesus ... which can be resurrected through your forgiveness ... some of these other things that we mentioned sometimes cannot be ... They will remain in a permanent state of death.

