

Acts – Birth of the Church

Honesty is the Best Policy

Acts 5:1-10

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Introduction:

- Acts 4 – Barnabas – Son of Encouragement
 - Tribe of Levi – Priestly Tribe
 - Tribe of Judah – Kingly Tribe
 - Apocryphal Books – The Epistle of Barnabas (2nd Century) ... The Acts of Barnabas (5th Century)
 - Greek – **Apokruptein** ... English – Apocrypha ... “*To hide away*”
 - The Adjective of Apocrypha is “*Apocryphal*” which explains why the books were put away or put aside. It is defined - The authenticity of the authorship is doubtful ... made up, and considered to be fictional.
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1. The Problem:

- a. Acts 5:1-2
- b. Greek – **Nosphizo** ... (*Noss-Fee-Zo*) ... English – **Kept** ... “*To Embezzle ... To steal ... To misappropriate for personal benefit.*”
- c. Malachi 3:6-10
- d. Matthew 6:19-24
- e. 1st Timothy 6:10

2. The Lie:

- a. Acts 5:3-9
- b. John 8:44
- c. Joshua 7:1
- d. 1st Timothy 6:10
- e. James 1:13-15
- f. Proverbs 14:12

3. The Message:

- a. Isaiah 64:6
- b. Romans 3:23
- c. Mark 18:10
- d. Acts 5:3-4
- e. Are you embezzling anything that belongs to God, for personal reasons?



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