

S.O.H.L. (9/13/10)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Wanting The Center Of Attention

ACTS 5:1-11 NKJV – (1) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. (2) And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. (3) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? (4) While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." (5) Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. (6) And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried him. (7) Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. (8) And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." (9) Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out." (10) Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried her by her husband. (11) So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

To understand this story, you would have to read Acts 4:32-37. God's church was in full affect!!!! Unity, Harmony, One Spirit and most of all, order under our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's glory was about to be challenged by those of an evil spirit of jealousy, lying and greed. They wanted to be seen or recognized as the creator or idealist. "They simply wanted the Center of Attention"! Note: When Barnabas sold his track of land, (a man of prosperity), Annanias and Sapphira decided they had to make there move and quickly!!!!!!

The sin of Ananias and Sapphira was, that they were determined of being thought of as distinguish disciples, when they were not true disciples. Hypocrites may deny themselves, may pass by their worldly advantage in one instance, with a prospect of finding their account in something else. The falsehood was an attempt to deceive the Spirit of truth, who so obviously spoke and acted by the apostles. The crime of Ananias was not his retaining part of the price of the land; he might have kept it all, had he pleased; but his endeavoring to impose upon the apostles with an awful lie, from a desire to make a useless show, joined with greediness.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 NKJV – (31) Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

It is not about you, it is about God! God will share His glory with no man!!!!

SCRIPTURE READING

EXODUS 3:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's glory cannot be placed in a jelly jar.

