

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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### **Dishonest Business Dealings**

**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.

**PROVERBS 20:23 NLT** – (23) The LORD detests double standards; he is not pleased by dishonest scales.

**PROVERBS 20:17 NLT** – (17) Stolen bread tastes sweet, but it turns to gravel in the mouth.

**PROVERBS 21:6 NLT** – (6) Wealth created by a lying tongue is a vanishing mist and a deadly trap.

We are dishonest when we try to get over on another just to satisfy our flesh, when we are not concerned about others and don't have another's best interest, when we cheat and steal from one another and when we conspire against others to obtain attention and favor. God knows your motive and He is not pleased with dishonest business dealings. Not even one percent of it! Let me give you a scenario. You just recorded a new music album in the studio and your record company only sold one thousand copies because people are downloading your music from the computer or making copies from the album that they purchase and selling it for their price. The story maybe simple or petty to some, but as I said before, "God Is Not Pleased With One Percent" of our dishonest business dealings and there are other scenario's. Remember, He knows everything, just as He allowed Peter to see the truth and brought justice on the situation. Always do business in a honest way. Don't worry about who's trying to get over on you, God will expose and fight your battle.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

PROVERBS 11:1

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Submission to God's will is the softest pillow on which to rest.

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