



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: ACTS 5:1-11

TITLE: I GIVE TO A GIVING GOD: GIVE HIM HIS

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is the difference between robbing and stealing? _____
1. Robbing = Taking with force – the person is aware – emphasizes the person or place
2. Stealing = Taking without force – the person is not aware – emphasizes the thing taken from a person or place
- B. **Malachi 3:8**, *Will a man/woman rob God?* _____
- C. **Acts 4:32-37** _____
1. The believer had one heart and one soul – everything they owned was held in common
2. The believers experienced the power of the apostles witness, and great grace was upon the believers
3. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need
- D. Their view of money and possessions reflected “God owns it all. Therefore, I will seek God first” _____
- E. Does my view of money and possessions reflect “God owns it all. Therefore, I will seek God first?” _____

ACTS 5:1, “BUT...”

- A. Ananias and Sapphira sold some land _____
1. With his wife’s knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds
2. And brought only a part to lay at the apostles’ feet
- B. Peter confronted Ananias _____
1. Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...?
2. Before you sold the land was it not yours, and after you sold it was not the money yours?
3. Why did you conceive this thing in your heart?
4. You have not lied to us, but to God
- C. Outcome: Ananias fell dead. Sapphira repeated the lie, fell down and died _____
- D. The Problem: _____

GIVING GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

- A. Giving with my hands _____
1. Exterior / Outward
2. Seeks to please self
3. Seeks to benefit self
4. Appears to be spiritual
5. Gives to God what I want God to have
- B. Giving with my heart _____
1. Interior / Inward
2. Seeks to please God
3. Seeks to benefit humanity
4. Is spiritual
5. Gives to God what belongs to God