

# **Unstuck: How the Early Church Changed the World**

Lesson 6

Acts 4:32-5:11

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## **Honest Giving**

### **Introduction**

The idea of money and giving can be an extremely touchy subject in churches. Unfortunately, churches can sometimes become known more for their constant pleas for money rather than the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The standard given for our story this week is about voluntary and generous contributions so that nobody in the church community was in need. It was not about a compulsive or forced redistribution to become a member of the church. Instead, it was a movement of the Holy Spirit working through people to be generous.

Unfortunately, selfish people usually lurk behind to try and take advantage of people whenever good things are happening, like at the beginning of this story. That is what we are going to see in our story this week: a married couple conspiring to look more spiritual and generous than they were and attempting to deceive the Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to take care of those in need in our church community? How do we go about it in the best way possible to honor God and take care of people?

***Memory verse: "Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events."—Acts 5:11***

Pray and read Acts 4:32-5:11. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

## What does the passage say?

1. How were the believers acting toward each other?  
(Acts 4:32)
2. What was happening in the church? (Acts 4:33-35)
3. What did Ananias do with his property? (Acts 5:1-2)
4. What did Peter say to Ananias about his dishonesty?  
(Acts 5:3-4)
5. What happened to Ananias because of his dishonesty?  
(Acts 5:5)
6. What did Ananias' wife, Sapphira, do? (Acts 5:7-8)
7. What did Peter say to her? (Acts 5:9)
8. What seized the people who heard about these events?  
(Acts 5:11)





