



**Cutting a New Path
Building a Better You
Volume 2
(Avoid the Lying Habit)**

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Big Question: Are you lying to yourself and others?

Acts 5:1–11 (NKJV): 5 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.

Three Big Questions we want to explore:

1. Are you lying to yourself and others? (Acts 5)
2. Are you investing for your future? (Luke 19:1-10)
3. Are you completing your life assignment? (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

**I. Seven Facts We Know
About Ananias and Sapphira**

1. They were married
2. They had resources
3. They made a public pledge
4. They had a joint strategy
5. They conspired to lie
6. They had to be confronted
7. They were church people



II. Seven Questions This Story Raises

1. How long had they been a lying family?
2. What kinds of lies had they been telling?
3. How often did they lie?
4. Who did they lie to?
5. What false impression did their lies give to others?
6. What does the Bible say about lying?
7. Why did God kill them?

III. One Question That Bothers Me About This Story (Why did God kill them?)

Answer: I don't know!

1. Some people who speed never get caught (Just like some people never caught lying)
2. Some people who speed get warning tickets
3. Some people who speed get tickets
4. Some people who speed get caught, get a ticket, get their car impounded and go to jail
5. Some people speed and never get caught but die in a single car crash

In Conclusion: What Does The Bible Says About Lying

1. John 8:44 Lying Aligns You With the Devil (English Standard Version)

- **44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar and the father of lies.**

2. Proverbs 6:16-19 Six Things The Lord Hate (ESV)

- There are **six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination** to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

3. Proverbs 12:22

- **Lying lips are an abomination** to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

4. Proverbs 19:9 (ESV)

- **A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will perish.**

4. Psalm 101:7 (ESV)

- No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; **no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.**

Next Time: Developing An Investment Habit

Big Question: Are you investing for your future?

Read Ahead: (Luke 19:1-10)