

**Maturity Demands
The Truth, (Part Five)**

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Big Question: Are you telling the truth?

Side Question: Are you able to hear the truth?

John 16:12, NIV: I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

Read Ahead: Acts 5:1-11

Statement: Your decisions and consequences reveal the truth about your maturity

Two Decisions and Two Consequences

1. Money Decisions

- Acts 5:1–11 (NIV): 5 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also **sold a piece of property**. 2 With his wife’s full knowledge he **kept back part of the money** for himself but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

2. Integrity Decisions

- 3 Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that **you have lied** to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

3. Unexplainable Consequences (I don’t know why this happened)

- 5 When Ananias heard this, **he fell down and died**. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

4. Family Consequences (Is your family going to be judged with you)

- 7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.” 9 Peter said to her, “**How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.**”

Next Time: Maturity Demands Delegation (You Cannot Do It All and Succeed Long-term)

Read Ahead: Acts 6