

proceeds to meet some pressing church needs. Ananias took his lead from Barnabas and decided that he too would make an impressive gift. But he was only seeking attention. He and his wife pretended to give everything, but they gave only a portion.

They got noticed--they both dropped dead in front of everybody! Taking the offering was never the same after that. Luke tells us that "great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things" (Acts 5:11).

Ananias and Sapphira lied to God by trying to deceive the congregation, which disrupted the sense of church community. To live in community demands that we live with integrity... *Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.* That's why God took such drastic action.

When we join a church, we become part of other people's lives. Our love for them should be without hypocrisy. That glorifies God and benefits everybody. We are to take our involvement in church as seriously as God does. Take sin as seriously as God does. Take good as seriously as God does.

*We join our hearts and hands together,
Faithful to the Lord's command;
We hold each other to God's standards--
All that truth and love demand. --DJD*

To keep harmony in the church, keep in tune with Christ.



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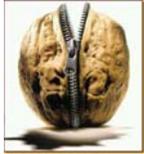
Don't Break Community

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. --Romans 12:9

The story of Ananias and Sapphira is a depressing chord that disrupts an upbeat account of the young church in action. Thousands of converts had trusted Christ. They were worshiping together and cared deeply for one another.

One member, Barnabas, sold some valuable acreage and gave all the





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

“Must Haves II”

(Acts 10:38) "... who went about doing good"

Today we look at two more ‘must haves’ of the Christian life:

1. Stick to the _____, verse 9

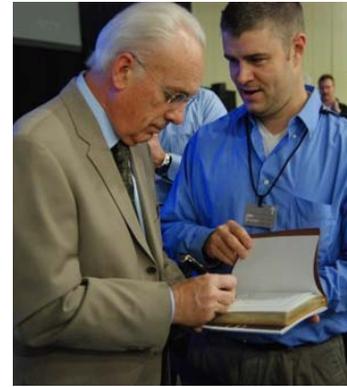
(Colossians 3:8-17) "But now you yourselves are to **put off** all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. {9} Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, {10} and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ... {12} Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; {13} bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. {14} But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. {15} And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. {16} Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. {17} And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

(Ephesians 5:18-21) "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation [fleshy]; but be filled with the Spirit, {19} speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, {20} giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, {21} submitting to one another in the fear of God."

(Matthew 19:16-22) "Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" {17} So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." ... {20} The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" {21} Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." {22} But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."

(Hebrews 12:14) "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:"

(1 Peter 3:10-11) "For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue



from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. {11} Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it."

(Philippians 4:8) "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, ... noble, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy; meditate on these things."

(1 Thessalonians 5:21-22) "Test all things; hold fast what is good. {22} Abstain from every form of evil."

2. Keep _____, verse 10

(John 21:15-17) "... "Simon, son of Jonah, do you [agape] love Me **more than these**?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I [phileo] love You." ... {16} He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, **do you** [agape] love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I [phileo] love You." .. {17} He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you [phileo] love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I [phileo] love You.""

(1 Corinthians 13:5) "... does not seek its own, ...;"

(Philippians 2:3-6) "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. {4} Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. {5} Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, {6} who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,"

(1 Peter 5:5) "...Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.""

