

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applying this message to everyday life.

1. What values are represented in the uses of your money? Rank the top five uses (values) of your money.
2. What could you do to better align your use of money to the values of the Christian faith?
3. What are areas that your money follows which really do not reflect your values? How can you change this?
4. Pray together for the suffering, for the sick, for the nation and for anyone who has wandered from the faith.

Axioms
#703 Money Follows Values
Acts 4:32-5:11

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An axiom is a condensed _____ that expresses a universal truism of the human experience.

The early church valued _____ and _____ possessions.

The effect of unity and mutual concern was great _____.

When the Holy Spirit is at work, giving is a _____ and not a _____.

He was a _____, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. Acts 11:24

Ananias and Sapphira valued taking care of _____ while pretending to care for others.

Hypocrisy is deliberate _____, trying to make people think you are more spiritual than you really are.

The healthy church will have great power, great grace, and great _____.

Psalm 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is

when God's people live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to warm up your group.

A. What are some of your hobbies that you spend money on?

B. Have you ever had a hobby that earned money? If so, what was it?

C. Share a personal axiom.

2. Contrast the story of Ananias and Sapphira to that of Achan (Joshua 6:18, 7:1-26). What similarities do you find?

3. Do you feel like God's judgment of Ananias and Sapphira was appropriate? Justify your answer.

4. If you were a member of the church where the event of Acts 4:32-5:11 happened, how would it have impacted your faith?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Prepare to discuss your answer to the following questions.

Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

5. Why do you suppose God does not execute the same punishment over gross sin today, as He did during the era of the early Church?