

Ananias and Sapphira Acts Ch 5 vs 1-11

1. was also present in the early church

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. Acts 4:36,37 (TNIV)

*With his wife's full knowledge, **Ananias kept back part of the money for himself**, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Acts 5:2 (TNIV)*

2. Ananias and Sapphira were

3. Ananias and Sapphira didn't just keep back their money, they kept back from God

4. Ananias and Sapphira were religious but their lives weren't

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when your lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.' 1 Peter 1:14-16 (TNIV)

5. Their lie to the church was a lie against
You have not lied just to human beings but to God. Acts 5:4 (TNIV)

6. **Don't take God's grace**

We don't like these stories, but we can't have it both ways. If you invoke the power of the holy one; the one who will eventually right all wrongs and sort out all cheating and lying, he may decide to do some of that work in advance. Tom Wright. (Acts for Everyone)