

Hypocrisy Hurts

Ac 4:32-5:11

Have you ever said one thing and done another?

The pain of deception

Deception is a 2-edged sword

Backdrop: Genuine generosity (5:32-37)

The body (as a whole)

Barnabas (Joseph)

Determined deception (5:1-11)

Conspiracy (1-2)

Property sale (1)

Pretense (2)

Hypocrisy

The quest for glory and recognition makes us vulnerable to pride and its various manifestations.

Confrontation (5:3-4)

Sin = deceit

Deception is 1st and foremost against God.

It destroys the body so must be dealt with.

Motive = pride

Key: no obligation to give

Problem: he conceived evil in his heart & acted on it

Leaders may be called upon to confront deception.

Consequences (5:5-11)

What was the cause of death?

Immediate judgment is not God's normal reaction, but it reveals the significance of this transitional period and His passion for righteousness.

⇒ God's view of lying seems far more serious than ours.

Psalm 5:6

Proverbs 6:16-19; 19:9

John 8:44

Satan may entice us to sin, but we are personally responsible for our choices.

We can't use God or His church for our own purposes and it be good for us or the church.

Contrast: Ananias/Saphira with Jesus
glory
will
serving
pride
deception
ultimately

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