

Telling the Truth in a World of Lies Everyday Supernatural Living – Part 7

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Proverbs 12:22 (NLT2) The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

John 8:44 (ESV) You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 John 5:19 (ESV) We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

1. Share _____ Together

Acts 4:32 (ESV) Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

Acts 4:33 (ESV) And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:34-35 (ESV) There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

2. Confront _____ with the Truth

Acts 5:1-2 (ESV) But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:3-5 (ESV) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

Acts 5:5 (ESV) When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last.

3. Cultivate a True _____ of the Lord

Acts 5:7-8 (ESV) After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much."

Acts 5:9-10 (ESV) But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last.

Acts 5:11 (ESV) And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

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Intro. How does Jesus' statement in John 14:6 distinguish Him from every other religion?

In what ways are lies and the truth diametrically opposed (Proverbs 12:22)?

How is Satan the father of all lies (John 8:44)?

How does the whole world lie in the power of the evil one, Satan (John 5:19)?

1A. Why is sharing life together as described in Acts 4:32 a result of God's truth?

1B. In what ways does unity in the church lead to great power (Acts 4:33)?

1C. What does the generosity of the believers tell us about their faith (Acts 4:34-35)?

1D. What are some examples of how the truth of God's Word instructs us to share life together?

2A. What do you think prompted Ananias to lie about the amount of their gift (Acts 5:1-2)?

2B. Where did Ananias' lie come from and who was it directed to (Acts 5:3-5)?

2C. Why do you think God judged Ananias so severely (Acts 5:5)?

2D. Why do we often find it difficult to confront the lies around us with God's truth?

3A. What does Saphira's answer to Peter tell us about her (Acts 5:7-8)?

3B. How did Peter know that Ananias and Saphira were lying (Acts 5:9-10)?

3C. In what ways was the fear that came upon the church a gift from the Lord (Acts 5:11)?

3D. How does the fear of the Lord eliminate all other fears, especially the fear of man?

3E. In what ways is not repenting before taking communion lying to the Lord? What are the consequences of lying to the Lord at communion (1 Corinthians 11:28-30)?