

What do we see in the Spirit Filled Church?"

1. _____ in Christ. Acts 4:24-37

- **Thru the Spirit of God - They had a UNITY in Christ. Eph 4:1-6**

That is the baptism of the Spirit of God – you are baptized INTO _____!

We are to have biblical fellowship with each other.

The early church:

1. was looking for a soon return of Christ.
2. they knew they belonged to God and so they were willing to use everything they had to facilitate the mission.

- **Principle: We need to take _____ of each other. Gal 6:9-10**

As the church we should be there for one another.

Rom 12, 1Cor 12, Eph 4 etc. Describe us as an _____ body.

2. Spirit Filled believers _____ for the mission. Acts 4:36-37

- Barnabas was a living sacrifice! God used him mightily.

- **Caution! Acts 5:1-11**

Never allow the fact that God uses someone else in this ministry tempt you to _____

Understand: the money and possessions that God entrusts you with; they don't belong to the church. You are to manage your resources as God leads you.

Why did God kill this couple?

Ananias and Sapphira saw Barney's blessing and tried to _____ the glory for _____!

The church has always attracted people with impure motives: Thieves who want to profit financially from religion, power mongers seeking control, the self-centered who want to be pampered and cared for, and glory seekers who want to be noticed and affirmed for their "holy" acts.

The spirit of God was about bringing UNITY and care to the body.

They were trying to bring the focus upon themselves as individuals.

How miserable we are when we spend our time trying to _____ the part rather than trust God to _____!

You know what God hates? Prov 6:16-17

Ananias and Sapphira made the top two on the list.

1. A proud look, - they wanted everyone to see them as some great spiritual people.
2. a lying tongue, - so they lied about it.

People read Acts 5 and complain, “I thought the God of judgment was OT – isn’t God into peace, love and grace here in the NT – why did He kill this couple? **Mal 3:6; James 1:14-15**

What about you? **Acts 5:11**

You know what we ought to fear? That our pride and lying would quench the work of the Spirit in our church. Don’t be the Achan that hinders God’s plan here.

Lessons from: Annaias and Sapphira VS being Spirit filled.

Desire the esteem of people more than God (Acts 4:36; 5:1-4, 9).	Work for God’s approval, not people’s (Acts 5:3-4; Luke 16:15; Galatians 1:10).
Envy the success of others (Acts 4:37; 5:2).	Improve yourself from the example of others, rather than envying them.
Attempt to cheat God (Acts 5:2-4,8-9) and you will	Serve God wholeheartedly, rather than hypocritically.

3. Satan _____ in response to UNITY in the Spirit! Acts 5:17-32

- **When God calls – NEVER DELAY to obey!**

This is a command that, if obeyed, will lead to a brutal beating. **Phil 3:10**

Note Acts 5:28. Compare vs 30 and **Matt 27:25**.

Notice something else: the religious rulers will not say the name of Jesus. Why?

God’s response? Vs 20!

Our response?

Note the apostle’s response! **Acts 5:29-30**

The lost are POWERLESS to affect eternal change in the lives of people.

- **The attack. Acts 5:33**
- **One Voice of _____! Acts 5:34-39**

Followers of Christ weren’t like the followers of Theudas or Judas. When Christ died, He rose again 3 days later, and so, the movement gained momentum!

What great assurance: to be in a movement of God. **2 Cor 2:14**

The religious rulers beat them. Threatened them again and then let them go. **Acts 5:40**
Is that defeat? Acts 5:41-42

Spirit Filled believers:

- Rejoice in _____ for Christ’s sake!
- _____ in the mission despite persecution. **Isa 54:17**