

# Do Not Lie To God

*Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such thing? You have not lied to men but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this is the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events." (Acts 5:1-11)*

Telling lies is one of the terrible sin that man may do; it prevent facts and hide and cover grievous sins against God and His people. Telling lies among people in your work place or where you live is an offensive thing you may do and it truly disturb your picture and greatly affect the healthy relation between you and others.

More than that is telling lies inside the community of believers, the church. When Ananias and Sapphira they told lies in the community of the believers, the church, and especially they lied to Apostle Peter who was leading the church, they lied to God. Telling lies inside the church and especially to the man who lead the church, the pastor, it means you are lying to the Holy Spirit who is God. God is present among His people in the church in the form of the Holy Spirit. So when you lie to the pastor of the church and hide something from him that means you lie to the Holy Spirit who is God and this is a grave sin.

The Lord God sent His Son The Lord Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death. The Lord Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He was buried, but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believes in Him and follow His steps in their lives. After His resurrection from the dead the Lord Jesus Christ went to Heaven and He will come back again to take those who belongs to Him. Now if He suffered such a great suffering He will come to take those who are pure in heart and had cleaned themselves from sin.

Telling lies inside the church and to the pastor of the church that it means you are no longer acting as a child of God but as a child of Devil. That what the Lord Jesus said to those who lie. ***"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*** (John 8:44)

Why Ananias and Sapphira both agreed and lied to God? And why some people may lie inside the church to the pastor and to the members of the church.

**1- Pretending the highest commitment:** Some they pretend to be so holy and highly consecrated to God but when you carefully examine their lives you find still there are areas of sins in their lives not yet surrendered to God. Religious people they pretend and wear the mask of high dedication and self – righteousness but from inside you find sin, corruption and the sinful nature of the old man as the Word of God tells us: ***"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."*** (2 Timothy 3: 1-5)

**2- Pride:** Humble yourself and don't show off. Humble yourself, confess your sin and ask God to clean you. Ananias and Sapphira both they could tell that they have kept some money for themselves. But their pride push them to lie because they would feel ashamed if it is proved that they could not bring the whole money of the property to the church. Some person before them had sold land he owned and brought the whole money and put it at the apostle's feet. They want to imitate him and do the same. Their pride push them to lie in order to puff up. Don't let your pride move you to show off. You cannot do big thing with your own strength. Trust God and rely on the Power of the Holy Spirit and He will lift you up: ***"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."*** (1Peter 5: 6-7)

**3. They entertained devils' lies:** When they lied it means Satan was in their hearts. They were following deceiving spirits: ***"The Spirit clearly says that in the later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences, have been seared as with a hot iron."*** (1Timothy 4: 1-2) Don't follow deceiving spirit, and don't depend on your heart feelings: ***"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to what his deeds deserve."*** (Jeremiah 17: 9-10) Depend and trust on the Word of God. Reject the devil's lies and the wrong feelings of your heart. Follow Gods Word exactly. Through this be sure you will do right and you will be in the safe way.

**My dear and beloved:** When you know something is wrong, don't do it testing the Lord. God will not be silent He will combat your evil work. ***"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."*** (Matthew 4: 7) ***"We should not test the Lord, as some of them did- and were killed by snakes."*** (1Corinthians10:9) Better for you to confess your sins and renounce them. By this you will find mercy and you will prosper, as you agree to pray.

**My prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I confess my sins, \_\_\_\_\_ to you. Today I renounce them. I commit myself to live a holy life in your presence and to serve you with a pure heart and clean hands. Thank you Lord for Your Word to me, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*