

# Truth or Consequences

Are You Living \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ ?

There are two mighty forces that are working against your life and the life of this church. They are orchestrated by Satan himself. One is \_\_\_\_\_. The other is \_\_\_\_\_.

The devil at first had tried \_\_\_\_\_, and that did not work.

The devil tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the early church, and all that did was to \_\_\_\_\_ these Christian to their knees.

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the early church, and this church, has been hurt far more by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ than by Persecution.

## I. Beware of the Pretended Devotion of Superficial Religion

The word Barnabas means \_\_\_\_\_. He had some property, and he sold it, because there was persecution and great financial need to the church.

*Acts 4:36-37*

*Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Now, what made Ananias and Sapphira do this? What is behind all superficial and hypocritical religion? \_\_\_\_\_. They wanted their \_\_\_\_\_!

*1 Peter 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.*

## II. Beware of the Premeditated Deception of Superficial Religion

Now all of us have said things that we ought not to have said. All of us have spoken of devotion that we do not have. All of us have told an \_\_\_\_\_. Later on, we have to \_\_\_\_\_ it. Because we didn't think about it.

*Acts 5:3*

*John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

It is \_\_\_\_\_ to tell a lie. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to tell a lie to a Judge. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to lie to God.

## III. Be Sure of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Superficial Religion

God the \_\_\_\_\_ told Peter that Ananias and Sapphira were \_\_\_\_\_, there is the penetrating power of the Word of God.

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

If my or your heart were on display! There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ that will not be \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Matthew 10:26* "Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known."

## Practice what you Preach

*Psalms 139:23-24* Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

## IV. Be Sure of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Superficial Religion

What happened? They told a \_\_\_\_\_ lie. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall find you out! Acts 5:4

### A. It Was a \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment

Now, a question: Were Ananias and Sapphira saved?

**There are three kinds of judgment.**

#### 1. Our Judgment as a \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 8:1* Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Thank God we have settled out of \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Our Judgment as a \_\_\_\_\_

That is the Judgment Seat of Christ, where we're going to receive the \_\_\_\_\_ for the things that we've done.

*Matthew 25:21* "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

#### 3. Our Judgment as a \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 12:5-7* and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; <sup>6</sup> FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

### B. It Was a \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment

You might say, "God is Cruel or Vindictive." No, God is \_\_\_\_\_, and God is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. It Was to Save Ananias and Sapphira from \_\_\_\_\_

2. It Was to Save the Early Church from \_\_\_\_\_

3. It Was to Save Lost People from \_\_\_\_\_

4. It Was to Save Succeeding Generations from \_\_\_\_\_