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## Investigative Questions:

Why Are You Standing Here?

What Does it Mean to Live on Mission?

What Are the Marks of a NT Church?

How Can Lives Be Changed?

What Would You Risk For Love?

What is the Greatest Obstacle to Living Life on Mission?

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But a man named Ananias, with his

wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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?

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 4:32 ESV

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<sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." <sup>5</sup>When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.

6The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. 7After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much."

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<sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last.

When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup>And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

—Acts 5:1-11 ESV

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"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."

—Theodore Roosevelt

The Heart and Soul of the Christian Faith is Giving, Not Getting

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Acts 4:32-37

Greed is obsession with obtaining and hoarding possessions for my benefit while ignoring the needs and concerns of others.

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Envy is resenting God's goodness in the lives of others while ignoring God's goodness in my own life.

"laying at the apostles feet"

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Acts 2:44-45

Radical Stewardship: Giving was vital and foundational to the life of the early church and it is true today. We believe that giving for a believer is not a money issue; it is a heart issue.

Knowing God as the Owner and Provider of all things, we use the resources He has provided each of us to help people and accomplish the purposes He has placed before us.

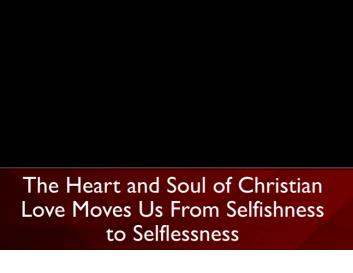
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19"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."—Matthew 6:19-21

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

-Matthew 6:24 ESV

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Mark 14:3-5

She did what she could.

She did it when she could.

She did all she could.

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I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.—Galatians 2:20 ESV

"If I pity and pamper myself,
I will never submit to the
lethal principle of God's will
and, therefore, never
become a means of life to
others." —Glyn Evans

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The Heart and Soul of Christian Hope Implies Living in Light of Eternity

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. —Hebrews 11:7 ESV

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And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

—I John 3:3 ESV

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"Holiness is the everyday business of everyday believers."
—George Sweeting

<sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.

-2 Corinthians 5:9-1 la ESV

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"The greatest miracle God can and does today is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world, and make him holy... and then put him back into the unholy world and keep him there."

—Leonard Ravenhill

"Far too many are attending meetings at the church, but not moving in mission with the church."

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