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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

33 And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Greatness in the Church 32-33

Unity 32  
Power 33  
Grace 33

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

You can give without loving BUT you cannot love without giving!

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

35 and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

36 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement),

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

37 and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

**Generosity in the Church 36-37**

**Barnabas – *Son of Encouragement***

**Sold & Gave**

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

The smallest deed is worth more than the largest intention!

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?"

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control?"

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

...Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

6 The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*Talk to your wife  
at least every  
three hours!*



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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

8 And Peter responded to her,  
"Tell me whether you sold the  
land for such and such a price?"  
And she said, "Yes, that was the  
price."

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*"One question quiz..."*



*...which tire?"*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

9 Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test?"

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

...Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well."

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

11 And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

**Greed in the Church**

**5:1-11**

- Giving is a by-product of unity
- Giving is not limited to pocket change
- Giving is a form of encouragement
- Giving can be for the wrong reason
- Giving is to be with purpose

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.

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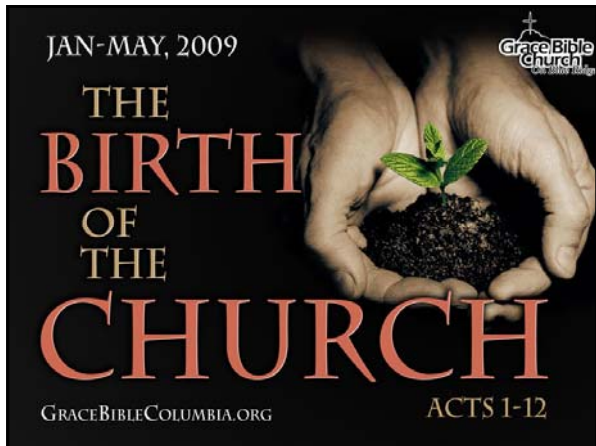
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