

Mr. Big Stuff, Who Do You Think You Are?



1. Our Attempt to get “ _____ ”

- Don't _____ false impressions
- Make yourself look _____ than we are.
- Build a network of _____

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" Acts 5:1-4 (NLT)

5:7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price." 9 And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this?" Acts 5:7-9 (NLT)

2. The Pitfalls of _____

- Loss of _____
- Loss of _____

- Always _____

As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.

Acts 5:5-6 (NLT)

And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too." Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

Acts 5:9-11 (NLT)

3. In God's eyes, nobody is _____

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Trust Jesus with my life by asking Him to be my Lord and Savior.
- Admit my desire to be important and humble myself before God.
- Confess my use of deception for personal glory and ask God to forgive me.
- Forgive those in my life who have deceived and hurt me.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Ephesians 3:18