

# Happenings in the Early Church

## Acts 5

### Introduction:

- Non-genuine Christian living
- Actual definition of hypocrisy:

### I. The Hypocrisy of Ananias and Sapphira

- Their action was commendable, but their motives were wrong
- The amount wasn't the issue; the issue was the heart
- 3 lessons from this story:

#1 It's possible to be engaged in a \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and yet bring \_\_\_\_\_ displeasure to God.

#2 God takes \_\_\_\_\_ very seriously.

#3 There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be had in the Christian life.

### II, The Ongoing Ministry of the Apostles

- Believers increasingly added to the church
- They didn't need to compromise in order to draw people in
- The apostles performed miracles and healings

### III. The Persecution of the Apostles

- The negative reaction by the Sanhedrin
- The boldness of Peter and the other apostles
- The beating of the apostles
- The rejoicing and ongoing preaching of the apostles

### Conclusion:

- Do you have the courage to witness for Christ regardless of how people respond?