

I Will Build My Church

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Matthew 16:18-19 (KJV) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.



PRINCIPLE # 7: _____

Acts 5:2a (NLT) He brought part of the money to the apostles, but he claimed it was the full amount.

Ananias' sin was two-fold:

- _____ – wanting for the flesh what belongs to God
- _____ – appearing to do outwardly what is not true inwardly

Ananias' sin begs us to ask ourselves two questions:

- Am I serving my flesh or God in my everyday _____?
- Am I the same person in secret as I _____ to be in public?

COVETOUSNESS

- Coveting is the uncontrolled desire to _____.

- **Matthew 6:24 (NLT)** “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money.**
- **1 Timothy 6:10 (NLT)** For the love of money is at the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with **many sorrows.**
- The antidote to coveting is _____, and that is something you have to _____ – it does not come naturally or automatically.
- **Philippians 4:11-13 (CEV)** ¹¹ I am not complaining about having too little. I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty, and I have lived under all kinds of conditions. I know what it means to be full or to be hungry, to have too much or too little. ¹³ Christ gives me the strength to face anything.
- Paul learned through his experiences that **CONTENTMENT IS NOT RELATED TO OUR _____!**

FOUR WAYS TO CONQUER COVETING

1. _____ **comparing myself to others**
 - **1 Timothy 6:9 (CEV)** People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptations and traps. They are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them.
 - **Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)** It’s healthy to be content, but envy can eat you up.
2. _____ **in what I do have**
 - **Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT)** And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life — that is indeed a gift from God.
 - **Ecclesiastes 6:9 (CEV)** It’s better to enjoy what we have than to always want something else, because that makes no more sense than chasing the wind.
3. _____ **what I have to help others**

- **1 Timothy 6:17-19 (LB)** ¹⁷ Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.
- **Acts 20:35b (CEV)** Remember that our Lord Jesus said, “More blessings come from giving than from receiving.”
- 4. _____ **on what’s going to last**
 - **2 Corinthians 4:18 (GN)** For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time; but what cannot be seen lasts forever.
 - **Luke 12:15 (NLT)** Then he said, “Beware! Don’t be greedy for what you don’t have. Real life is not measured by how much we own.”

HYPOCRISY

- The word “hypocrite” comes from the Greek stage and means “_____.” In other words, a hypocrite is a _____.
- An apostolic church can only be built on _____!
- **Matthew 6:5-6** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
- **Philippians 1:10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
- **I can only help build an Apostolic church when I know the Lord for myself!**