

TRUE MOTIVE - HANDOUT

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Acts 4:36-37 & 5:1-11

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We are talking about TRUE MOTIVE today.

How can we keep from holding things back from God?

3 things to UNDERSTAND:

1) **UNDERSTAND:** _____.

We need to make sure that we don't hold onto "things" so tightly that they become worth more than our relationship with God.

Barnabas sold his field and SURRENDERED ALL of what he had made to God. His love was for God and not for the things of the World.

1 John 2:15-17 (CSB) says it this way;

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

2) **UNDERSTAND:** _____.

The early church we have been reading about so far in Acts, knew their treasure was Christ and NOT their possessions.

"for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world." 1 Timothy 6:7

As Christians, we MUST Understand that any possessions we gain in this world, we will lose one day. We owe all to Him and should desire to use all He has given us, to see others know Him!

3) **UNDERSTAND:** _____

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39

Ananias' eyes were focused on himself. The crime was not in withholding the money truthfully, it was in his deception of implying that he gave it all to God when he did not.

Something powerful happened through all of this. The early church realized that God was real and that He had a plan and purpose for their lives. **God wanted to use them, and He wants to use YOU, to change the world!**

Are you holding anything back from God?

THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS NOT _____...BUT A _____...AND ITS NOT _____.