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**The Beauty of Grace Giving | Acts 4:32-5:16
Pastor Bill Curtis | February 18, 2018**

**Sermon Notes**

**Principle:   is a defining mark of an authentic disciple.**

**Journey Group Questions**

1. Barnabas’ generosity (Acts 4:32-37) is sharply contrasted with the greed of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). Read the following. What do we learn about generosity from these verses?

	1. Malachi 3:6-12
	2. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
	3. Matt 6:19-24
2. The choices of Ananias and Sapphira indicate that they were part of the religious lost, yet greed is evidence of a spiritual deficiency in the life of a Christian too. How does greed manifest itself in our lives as Christians and how do we overcome this struggle in our daily lives?

1. Willful deception like that of Ananias and Sapphira is increasingly acceptable and even routine in our culture today. We see how God responded to their deception. Read the following verses and discuss God’s heart regarding truthfulness and honesty.

	1. Proverbs 6:16-19
	2. Proverbs 11:1
	3. Colossians 3:9-10
2. Greed and dishonesty are related in that they both reflect an inability or refusal to trust God and a tendency toward self-preservation or self-glorification. In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God and how can you begin to trust Him more this week?