

The Battle for the Human Heart

Acts 4:32-5:11

A STRANGE DAY AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

► Selling and Sharing

Acts 4:32-37

★ Remember the book of Acts is _____ not

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Acts 2:42-47 / Acts 1:8 & Acts 8:1 / Acts 5:6-7 & 11 / Matthew 28:18-20

► Big Gift, No Reward

Acts 5:1-11

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER

❶ When the Holy Spirit shows up, _____
breaks out.

Galatians 5:22-24 / Proverbs 29:7 / Proverbs 28:22 / 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 & Luke 21:1-4

❷ We get to pick our _____ – so choose

_____.

Matthew 6:1-21 / Acts 4:36-37

TWO THINGS TO AVOID LIKE THE PLAGUE

❶ _____.

Proverbs 12:9 & 13:7

❷ _____.

Romans 14:4 / Acts 5:4 / 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 / Proverbs 21:20

Food for Thought

For the week of May 24, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we saw the critical mistake Ananias and Sapphira made when they tried to impress everyone with their generosity. Obviously, it's not a mistake any of us would want to make – especially knowing what happened to the two of them! Read I Timothy 6:6-10 and Matthew 6:25-34 and then jot down what they tell us about the desire to impress people and the pursuit of recognition.

2. Generosity is a natural outflow of the Holy Spirit. Yet, when we talk about generosity, at times there can be confusion about the appropriate motivation behind it and God's view of it. As you read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, what insights do you gain about generosity, especially its motivation and purpose?

What are some ways you can be generous *besides financially*?
Is there any area you might sense the Holy Spirit motivating you to be more generous?

3. What guidance does 2 Peter 1:3-9 give us about focusing on developing godly character as a top priority? Is there anything in these verses that you'd like to work on "adding to your faith"?