**Acts**

**Chapters 5 & 6**

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1. Where did problems for the church exist – external or internal?
2. Why do you think Ananias and Sapphira decided to lie about the amount of money they received for their property?
3. Do you think people realize when they tell lies that they are lying to the Holy Spirit or to God?
4. Why do you think the people were terrified when they heard the news of what happened to Ananias?
5. Why do you think God chose to deal with this situation they way that he did?
6. Why did no one else dare to join the apostles in Solomon’s Colonnade?
7. Why did they feel they could just lay people on mats in the streets, and they would be healed?
8. What caused the high priest and his officials to be jealous of the apostles?
9. How were the apostles able to leave the jail with the gates locked and the guards standing outside?
10. What is it that the high priest and his officials could not understand?
11. What advice did Gamaliel give concerning Peter and John? Are there times when you would do well to follow his advice rather than judging or voicing your opinion?
12. What was the apostles response to their punishment?
13. State the real problem seen in Chapter 6 verse 1 in your own words.
14. What did the apostles see as their primary responsibility to the people?
15. What was the criteria used for selecting the men to assist them and who selected them?
16. Who were the men debating or disputing with Stephen?
17. Why did they persuade men to lie about Stephen?
18. What caused all of the high council to end up staring at Stephen?