

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Acts 4:32-37, focusing on the challenge and reality of unity in the church. How do you define or describe unity? What is the difference between unity and unanimity or uniformity? Remember that Christian unity is created by the Holy Spirit, and we are to live in it in ways that show (cf. Ephesians 4:3).

Tuesday. Read Acts 5:1-11. What is hypocrisy? Why did Peter say Ananias and Sapphira lied to God (4)? Why do you think God immediately and severely judged them? In your own life, beyond failures and the need for growth, are there any ways in which you are hypocritical?

Wednesday. Read Acts 4:33 - 5:16. Today focus on the first two marks of effective ministry noted here, a witness with great power and a fellowship which meets needs. Could Luke describe your witness as he did the apostles' in 4:33? If not, why not? Describe the attitudes and lessons about material things and helping each other.

Thursday. The last two marks of effective ministry noted in this section are lives worthy of respect and a ministry blessed with fruit (5:11-16). Move through the specifics of their situation and list some principles that apply to you, to us as a church? Use them both as tools to evaluate and plan for your spiritual growth.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 6:1-7. Read this section in preparation for our time together.

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Worship In Proclamation

Those
who
Believed
were of one
HEART
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Acts 4:32

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Theme: **An Effective Church Meets The Challenges Of Life.**

The Positive Challenge: Unity.

1. Unity defined. (4:32)

2. Unity in action. (4:32, 34-37)

The Negative Challenge: Hypocrisy.

1. The challenge. (5:1-2)

2. Meeting the challenge. (5:3-11)

A Profile Of Effective Ministry.

1. A witness with great power. (4:33)

2. A fellowship which meets needs. (4:34)

3. A life worthy of respect. (5:11-13)

4. A ministry blessed with fruit. (5:14-16)

(Turn over for “In My Life This Week”)