

**“Acts – Enlarging the Kingdom:  
Challenges in the Early Church (4)” (Acts 4:32-5:42)**

God allows Adversity to \_\_\_\_\_ and give \_\_\_\_\_ to Christian Life

Today: Satan’s 2-Prone Strategy: \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Challenge from Within: \_\_\_\_\_? (4:32-5:11)**

A. Characteristics of a Spirit-filled Church

**A Spirit-Filled Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ Church**

B. Example of a Spirit-filled Disciple: Joseph/Barnabas – a Generous Disciple and Spirit-filled ‘Son of Encouragement’ (cf. 11:23-24; John 14:16-17)

C. Contrast of Barnabas – well-respected in the Church, and Ananias/Sapphira, who \_\_\_\_\_ such Respect

**Do not Presume to Tempt God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

**II. Persecution from Without (5:12-42)**

A. Church continued to be Unified, Respected and to Multiply (5:12-16)

**When Satan could not \_\_\_\_\_ the Church from Within,  
he uses Persecution to \_\_\_\_\_ it from Without**

B. Religious Leaders \_\_\_\_\_ Opposition to the Apostles (5:17-32; cf. Chapters 3-4)

C. Gamaliel’s Counsel: Leave them Alone (5:33-39)

**One cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ on the matter of the Resurrection of Christ;  
To do so is to Reject the Evidence... Where do you stand? (5:41-42)**

**What one thing is Worthy of your Total Commitment and Surrender  
in your Life? Does it have \_\_\_\_\_ that will last through Eternity?**

**Through circumstances of Internal Problems and External Persecution,  
a Believer comes to realize that God’s Purpose for his Life is to Glorify God  
by building up his Character through Truth and Suffering**

Answer: Purify; Purpose; Internal Problems; External Persecution; Genuine or Fake; Unified, Loving and Witnessing; Coveted; Goodness and Patience; Corrupt; Suppress; Intensified; Neutral; Value

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Do not Presume to Tempt God’s Goodness and Patience

**II. Persecution from Without (5:12-42)**

**A. Church continued to be Unified, Respected and to Multiply (5:12-16)**

When Satan could not Corrupt the Church from Within,  
he uses Persecution to Suppress it from Without

**B. Religious Leaders Intensified Opposition to the Apostles (5:17-32; cf. Chapters 3-4)**

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