

Agape Life

Gospel Project Bible Study

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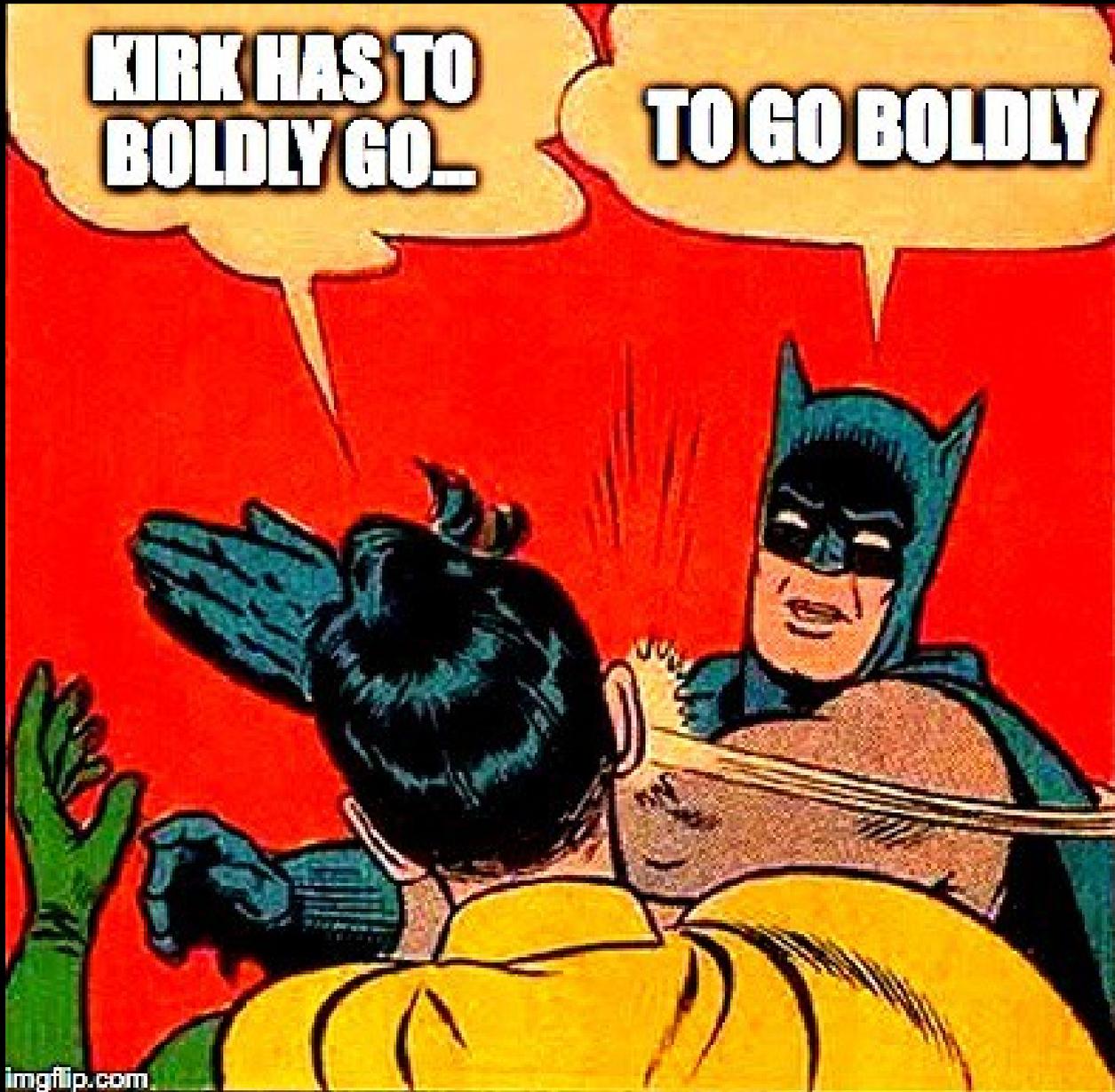
Acts 4-5

**Giving is the Living
of the Christian Life**

Volume 10 - Unit 29 – Session 1

Living Generously

A Wee Bit of Background



Grammar Lesson

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Imago Dei

Genesis 1:26; Romans 8:29

John 14:6; John 4:24

Session in a Sentence

**God calls on the church,
His Son's bride,
to practice heartfelt
generosity and
authentically worship Him
with our whole lives.**

What's the Point?

Point 1: God's people are to generously live in faith. Acts 4:32-35

Point 2: God's people are to gratefully bless others with their possessions. Acts 4:36-37

Point 3: God's people are to reverently live with integrity and authenticity. Acts 5:1-11

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**Was it a form of communism or
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**The result of that oneness is found
in Vv. 32b - 35**

- > Church members gladly shared all they had.**
- > The apostles boldly preached with power.**
- > Church members voluntarily sold what they had and woshipfully gave the proceeds to the apostles.**
- > The apostles obediently gave it to those in need.**

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**A more appropriate statement
of Marxism would be:**

**From each everything he has,
to each according to what the
government deems necessary.**

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**Stewardship: We are to invest the time,
talents, and material possessions God has
given us for His _____ work. Motivated
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**Barnabas – Son of Encouragement
(Aramaic nickname for Joseph)**

בר (bar) - “son of” or “one who”

**נביא (nabi') - one who speaks on
behalf of another**

**Barnabas was one who came
alongside those in need and
advocated for them.**

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Acts 4:36-37**



“My faith defines me. It's who I am.”

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Acts 5:1-11

Literally, verses 5:1-2 read as follows:

And a certain man, Ananias by name, with his wife Sapphira, sold a possession, and kept back of the price—his wife also knowing—and having brought a certain part, he laid it at the feet of the apostles.

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**So what's the problem
as we read on?**

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Acts 5:1-11

Little White Lie

1 Timothy 1:9-10

Revelation 21:7-8

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Integrity Scale

On a scale of 1 (the secrecy of Ananias and Sapphira) to 10 (the openness of the early church), where does your sense of personal integrity land?



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**What are the acts of the
Holy Spirit
in Acts 4:32 - 5:11?**

**(Hint: You have to also look at the
Acts of the Apostles.)**

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Deity of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the _____ Person of the Trinity, possessing the _____ of deity like the Father and Son.

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Deity of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, possessing the fullness of deity like the Father and Son.

How Should We Then Live?

**Because God gave and
continues to give,
we must lovingly
give and live
in unity of heart and mind;
living and worshiping in spirit
and in authenticity.**

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Next Week

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Acts 6-7

Trusting Christ in Life and Death

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