

## THE ENEMY WITHIN

Part 4: "Split or Steal?"

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'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 'The second is this: 'Love your neighbor <u>as yourself</u>. There is <u>no commandment greater than these</u>."

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Selfishness: When you lack concern for

others; you are your top priority

**Self-centeredness:** When you are preoccupied with your own affairs

"For even the Son of Man came <u>not to be</u> <u>served but to serve others</u> and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matt. 20:28 (NLT)

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"All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those

who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need."

Acts 4:32-35 (NLT)

"Your <u>love for one another will prove to the</u> <u>world</u> that you are my disciples."

John 13:35 (NLT)

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"Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet."

Acts 4:36-37 (NIV)

"But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. Then Peter said, 'Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!' As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified."

Acts 5:1-5 (NLT)

"Each of you should think carefully and then decide how much you can give. Then you will not be sad to give that money. Nobody has made you give it. God loves someone who is happy to give help to other people."

2 Corinthians 9:7 (EASY)