

See How They Grew: - (5) Their Reputation

Acts 5.1-42

too good to last? 4.4,33-34

Satan attacks v3

the destroyer John 10.10

and deceiver Rev 20.10

- external persecution ch 4

- internal corruption ch 5

be aware of his tactics 2 Cor 2.11

stand against them Eph 6.11,14

1. INTEGRITY is essential , vs 1-11

➤ *their sin: deception vs 3,4,9*

pretence – theft vs 2-3; Josh 7.1

they lied to God vs 2,3; Ps 51.4

Christ wasn't Lord v3; cf 4.8,31

➤ *truth is vital John 14.17;15.26;
16.13*

John 1.14; Mat 22.16;

Eph 1.13; 4.15,21

falsehood ruins fellowship

2. ASSOCIATION is crucial , vs 12-16

- ***great fear vs 5,11; cf 4.29,33***
admired by others v13
- but kept at a distance
- ***discipleship is about lifestyle***
many committed themselves v14

3. EVANGELISM is obedience, vs17-32

- ***“Go and tell” v20***
the full Gospel – a new life!
a matter of obeying God v29

4. COMMITMENT is vital, vs 33-42

- ***Gamaliel: a fence-sitter vs 38-39***
he loved his honour v34;
John 12.42-43
he let them be flogged vs 41-42
- ***the Gospel was spread vs 41-42***
in public and privately, daily
we must do the same!