

November 15 Answers

- 1) The story of Ananias and Sapphira teaches us several important lessons: (1) **Unity** is the natural result of genuine faith. If there's not unity in our family or our church, there's either a lack of **faith** or a lack of **love** (or both). (2) **Generosity** flows from a heart of love and gratitude. If we're grateful for all God has done for us and we truly love others, then we will use what we have to bless and **serve** our neighbor. (3) **Sin** is a deadly serious matter. When we sin, we're rebelling against the **Spirit**, and although God is kind and forgiving, His patience is meant to lead us to repentance, not embolden us to sin. (4) **Fear** is a vital part of worship. So often we mistakenly think that if we **confront** sin, people will turn away from God. But if done in the proper way (1 Tim 5:19–20), the opposite is true, for people are **drawn** to something that is real. As our fear of God increases, so does our sense of **love**, because we understand more fully the riches of His grace to us in Jesus Christ.