

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## HOW TO LIVE VICTORIOUS IN A HOSTILE WORLD

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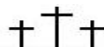
### PART 3: LIVING ABOVE THE FLESH

#### THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

- The gift of knowledge is a major gift from the Holy Spirit giving man the ability to know things without being told by a human being. This does not mean that people can read the thoughts of one another. **1 Corinthians 12:8**
- This is the first record in the Bible of a disciple of Jesus moving in this gift and confronting people who were dishonest. **Acts 5:1-4**
- The Holy Spirit was setting an example for the church; if you lie to the Holy Ghost, you will die! Death came immediately, but in most instances, there will be a period of time before God removes the liar with death. **verses 5-11; 1 Samuel 15:10-29, 31:1-6**
- The power of God increased as the apostles gave themselves totally to God. The gift of healing and the casting out of demons was in action on a daily basis; people truly recognized that God was there. **verses 12-16**

#### PERSECUTION

- It is important to understand that the Devil doesn't like it when men are moving in the power of God and will go to any length to stop it. **verses 17-18**
- It doesn't matter what the Devil thinks or does, God is still in charge. **verses 19-20**
- Men serving the Devil are blinded and do not understand that they are fighting God. **verses 21-25**
- The captain in charge of the soldiers recognized that he had to play it safe or the people would turn on them. **verses 26-27**
- The religious leaders of the Jews confronted them a second time, totally blinded by the Devil and unable to see the power of God. **verse 28; Matthew 23:13-33**
- Peter and John were not intimidated; they blasted the Jewish leadership again. **Acts 5:29-32**
- Instead of repenting, they were filled with wrath and began to plot how they could murder the apostles. **verses 33**
- But one of them had been convicted by the Holy Spirit and spoke out his conviction. **verses 34-39**
- These evil men were nasty and had the apostles beaten before they let them go. **verse 40**
- Instead of complaining, Peter and John rejoiced. **verses 41-42**



## **THE DEVIL CHANGED TACTICS**

- Since the Devil could not break the spirit of the church, he moved into another attack mode, that of causing strife. **Acts 6:1**
- The Holy Spirit gave the apostles wisdom (**1 Corinthians 12:8**), as they turned an ugly situation into a victory with the creation of the office of deacon. **Acts 6:2-6**
- The work of God prospered. **verses 7-8**
- The Devil used false witnesses to slow the growth of the church. **verse 9-15**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**