

## **The enemy's counter attack-**

**Part 1. Requirements of Commitment-- Persecution Acts 4:23-37**  
(countered by commitment)

**Part 3. You Can't Ignore Jesus- Distraction Acts 5:29-32**  
(countered by single minded focus)

**Part 4. You forgot me- Disorganization Acts 6:1-7**  
(countered by organizing to love the body of Christ)

## **Part 2. Seeing beyond the gift- Corruption Acts 5:1-11**

(countered by a pure and thankful heart)

Acts 4:35-37- generous giving is seen as glad worship and compassion.

And then (5) the enemy counter attacks by seducing a couple to corruption

**The Corruption of Pride** (thinking too highly of self, wanting others to)

Jesus' instruction on giving as a PRIVATE matter will now be taken more seriously (Matt 6:3)

Ananias & Sapphira imitated others for a public show (5:2, 8)

**The Corruption of Greed** (covetousness- idolatry)

(5:2 kept back part of the price) but represented it falsely to make an impression

Property was theirs to keep or sell (5:4)

Proceeds of sale was "in your own power" (4)

**The Corruption of Deceit**

(5:4) "conceived this thing in your heart"

"Satan has filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost" (5:3)

"you have not lied unto men, but unto God. (5:4)

**The counter to corruption in giving or most anywhere else----**

**Give privately---** Matt 6: 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

**Give willingly---** II Co 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity...

**Give gladly---** II Cor 9:7....for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**First give yourself** – to God and to love His church II Cor 8:1-5

II Cor 8:5 but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.