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– John 6:26**

John 6: Why did the people follow Him?

- **“Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.”**
(John 6:15)
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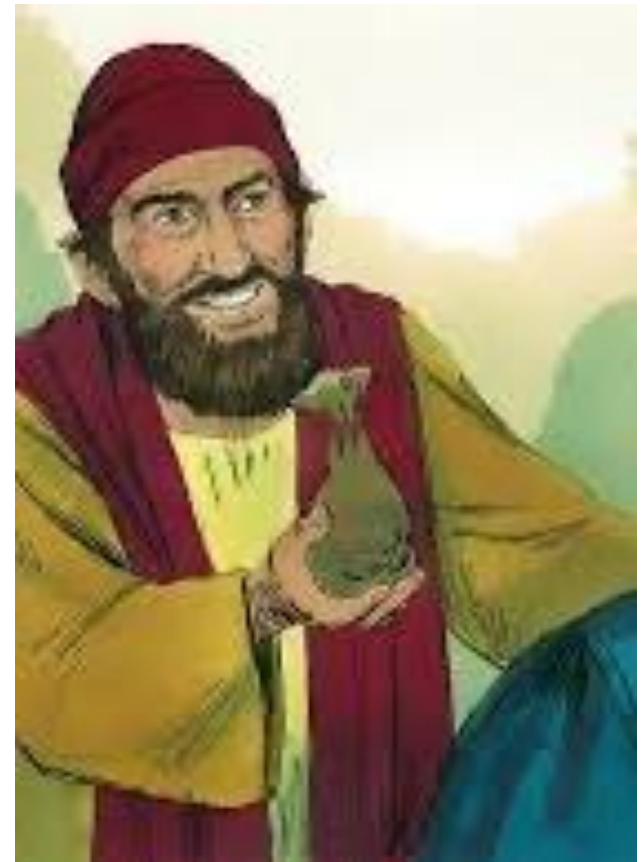
The Traps of our Motives

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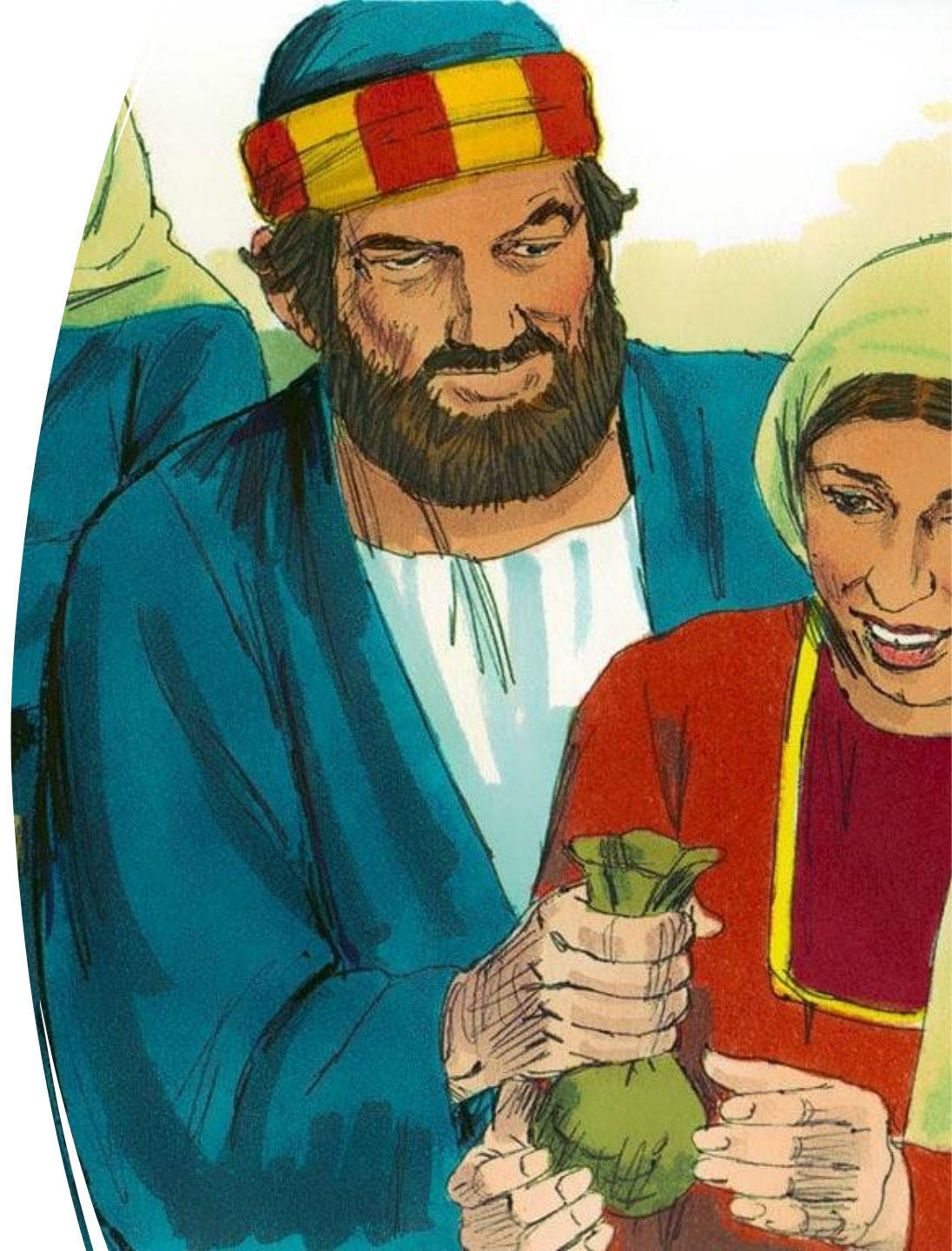
The Transaction Trap

- EX: The people
- EX: Simon the Sorcerer
- **"Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."** (Acts 8:19)



The Platform Trap

- EX: The Pharisees (Matthew 23:5–7)
- **“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”** (Matthew 6:5)
- EX: Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11).



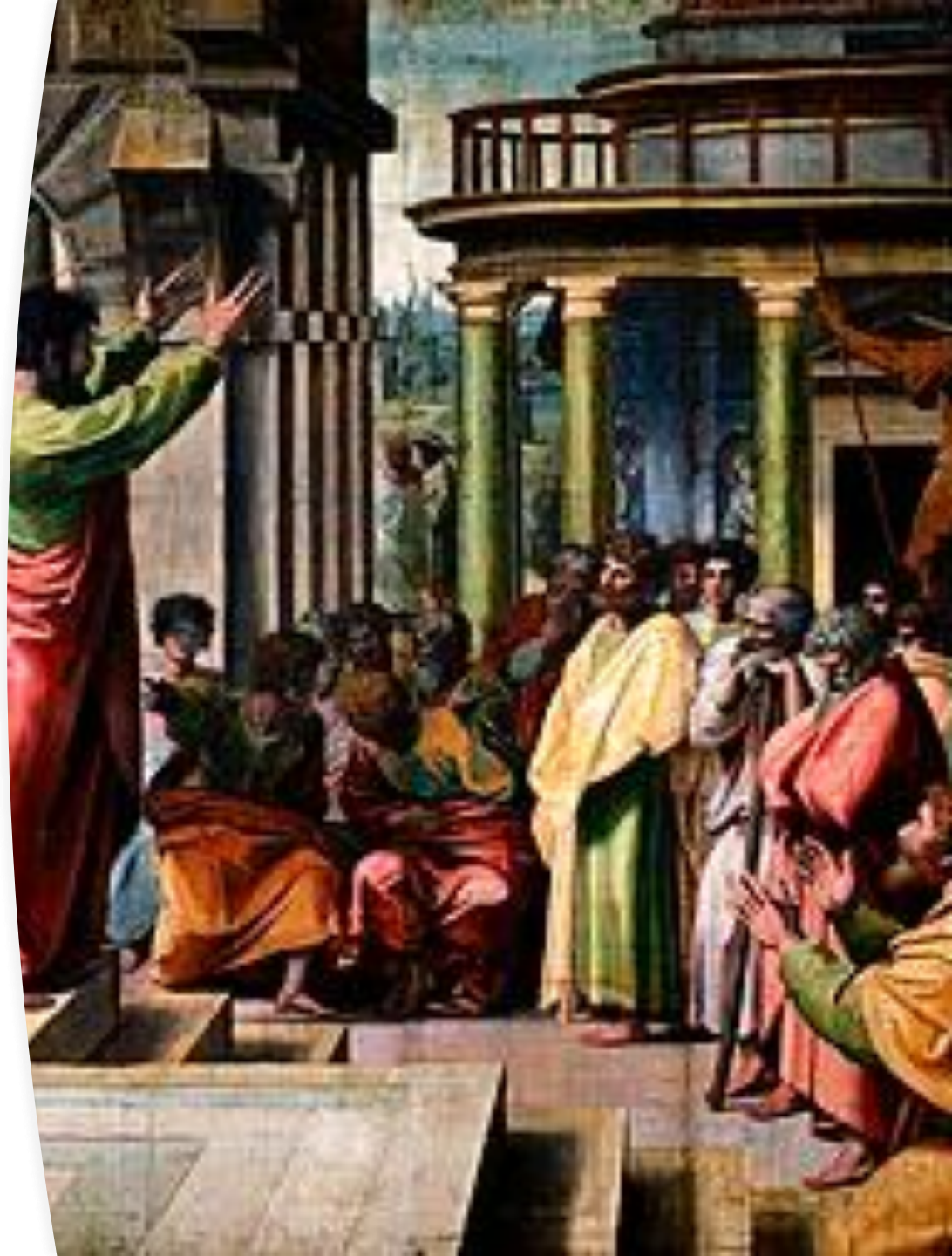
The Checklist Trap

- The Elder Brother (Luke 15:29)
- **“Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time...”** (Luke 15:29)
- EX: Jonah



The Intellectual Trap

- The Athenians
- **For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. (Acts 17:21)**



How does God examine out motives?

1. When He delays

- EX: Elizabeth and Zacharias

2. When He asks for hidden service

- EX: St. Mary

3. When He permits trials

- **My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (Jam. 1:2-3)**
- EX: Job

Final Remarks

- **“But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.’”** (Ephesians 5:13-14)
- **There are many traps for our motives:**
 - The Transaction Trap (Material Gain)
 - The Platform Trap (Social Status)
 - The Checklist Trap (Fear and Duty)
 - The Intellectual Trap (Curiosity and Novelty)
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