

Self-confidence leads to spiritual failure

112 Peter's self-confidence leads to his denial of Christ, from The Gospel of Mark 14:66-72

Introduction:

66 As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Nazarene." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch. 69 The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them!" 70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too." 71 But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" 72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he began to weep.

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.*

1 Corinthians 10:12 *let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.*

John 18:15-16 *Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, 16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.*

Mark 14:53-54 *They led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gathered together. 54 Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire.*

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Luke 22:56 *She stared [looking intently] at him.*

Matthew 26:70 *before them all*

Mark 14:38 *Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

1 Corinthians 10:12 *Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall*

Mark 14:30 *before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times.*

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Luke "I am not"... one of his followers.

Matthew "I do not know the man"

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Luke 22:59 After about an hour

Matthew 26:73 Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away

John's 18:26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

Luke 22:60b Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times."

Luke 22:62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

A = Self-confidence guarantees _____

B = Self-confidence requires _____

C = Self-confidence and spiritual failure is not _____

D = Self-confidence and spiritual failure never _____

E = Self-confidence destroys true Spirit _____

F = Self-confidence hinders you from being _____

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.