

## **“The Peter Principle”**

*How to protect your spiritual life from meltdown?*

Luke 22:54-62

### **Spiritual Competence Principles**

**1. Keep Jesus in your sights** (v.54)  
*You will always be in His.*

**2. Maintain separation while integrating.** (v. 55)  
*Peculiar people set apart to the Lord. Titus 2:14  
II Peter 2:20-22*

**3. Prioritize your relationships** (vs.56-57)  
*Where are your loyalties?*

**4. Identify yourself, camouflage = copout** (v.58)  
*Who are you, and what are you about?*

**5. Pay attention to your own words.** (v. 59)  
*Our conversations are revealing.*

**6. Idiocy is not becoming for a believer.** (v. 60)  
*It is definitely nothing to crow about.*

**7. Correction is best found in the Word.** (v. 61)  
*Jesus' instrument of choice is His Word.*

**8. Failure can breed Success** (v. 62)  
*Repent and God will forgive and fortify.*

The word "deny" (*arneomai*, v. 57) is used in the NT as the polar opposite of the word "confess" (*homologeo*). We are to confess (i.e., acknowledge) Christ but deny ourselves (i.e., disown our private interests for the sake of Christ; cf. comment on 9:23). Peter here does the reverse.

Luke uses the word John used (**John 1:42**) to describe the way Jesus looked at Peter when they first met-- *emblepo*. It "usually signifies a look of interest, love or concern"