

Following the Lord

Three accounts write about Peter following the Lord. We are all called to follow the Lord. The question is how closely are we to follow Him? The degree to how closely we follow the Lord is one of the reasons for the success we encounter, the problems we face, and/or the failures we encounter.

How close Peter followed the Lord could account for some of the mistakes and errors Peter made. We should not allow distance between us and the Lord.

Matthew 26:58 *But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.* Mark 14:54 *And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.* Luke 22:54 *Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.*

- a) A far off—Peter Followed the Lord, a far off, not closely. This was due to fear of persecution and much more. Those who follow the Lord closely will be persecuted. Peter was a beholder, not a participant.
- b) Sat with the wrong people—unbelievers. He was in the wrong company.
- c) He was warming himself with the fire of the enemy. He was enjoying the goodies and comfort of the enemy.

Results of following the Lord closely—not far off

Mark 15:41 *(Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.*

- a) Following the Lord leads to ministering to Him.

Luke 9:11 *And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.*

a) Following the Lord leads to receiving from Him.

Luke 18:43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

a) Following the Lord leads to glorifying Him.

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