

Life Application:

- Have you ever had a position that you felt unqualified for?
- What are the raw materials in your life that the Lord is using?
- When you fall short, where do you turn for help?

THE PETER PRINCIPLE: PART ONE

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2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NASB) Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

In 1969 Laurence J. Peter wrote a book called "The Peter Principle". The basic premise of the book is that in any hierarchy, people tend to rise to their level of incompetence.

in the Kingdom of God, there is a different "Peter Principle" at work. God does not call the _____, He qualifies the _____.

We love Peter because he is like us. One moment he is in the _____ and in another moment he is in the _____.

Luke 6:14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

Jesus didn't give him a new name to replace the old one. He **also** named him Peter.

In Greek, the name Peter means _____.

Jesus gave Simon the nickname Peter because he wanted to perpetually remind him who he called him to be.

Jesus referred to Peter as "Simon" (his natural name) whenever he needed a change of thinking,

Simon Peter, indicates the struggle we all face with our old nature (the flesh) and our new nature in the Spirit.

Luke 22:32 - Even in his failure, Jesus never gave up on him being the rock he called him to be.

If Jesus gives you a _____, and He prays for you by that new name, then it's _____ for you to fail.

1 Peter 1:1a- Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ.

The Rock, who carries the message of peace by the authority of the one who sent me - Jesus Christ Himself.

Peter was called from his mother's womb to be a leader.

3 key elements that go into the making of a true leader:

The right **raw material**; the right **life experience** and the **right character**.

The first raw material of a **true leader** is _____.

Proverbs 4:7 - The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

The second raw material of a **true leader** is _____.

If a person is wired for leadership he or she will often be bold and decisive. Initiative is driven by _____.

The third raw material of a **true leader** is _____.