

*Journal*  
Your Responsibility

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In this lesson we see some preachers going fishing but not catching any. But next A.M. Jesus standing on the bank of the lake and giving instruction resulted in catch of 153.

Get the picture..Peter went fishing at a time when Jesus needed him to confirm the fact that HE was alive after being dead. *And time how long?*

Why did Jesus address Peter? Peter was the man who said, "I go fishing." He it was that influenced the others to go fishing...they were going back to their former profession...or occupation.

There the fish lay on the bank. Jesus said to Peter.." Lovest thou me more than these?" I am inclined to believe He referred to the fish. It must have been in His mind something like this: Peter you use to fish...then you came with me to be a fisher of men...now you are back at your old job...here I let you catch lots of fish for an example which do you love better fishing for men or fish?

Peter replied, "Yea Lord Thou knowest I love Thee." All right then feed my lambs....the recent converts. We are guilty of Peter's mistake. We take people into the church and then let them go. He says to you and me, "Feed my lambs."

A second time He said to Peter, "Lovest thou Me? Leaves off the phrase "More than these." Am I the object of your love? Peter answered again, "Yea Lord Thou knowest that I love Thee." Jesus said unto him, "Feed my sheep" The apostles are not lambs they have become some what grown up in my school...they are sheep...you led them off...feed them instead.

A third time He said, "Lovest thou me?" Peter was grieved, and said, "Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest I love Thee." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Now this a place where the Greek becomes interesting. There are two Greek words used in this conversation for love..(agapao) and (phileo)..

Agapao means to be fond of  
Phileo " " LOVE

*Liddell & Scott - Lexicon  
Westcott & Hort N.T.*

Jesus said, "Are you more fond of me than of these?"

Peter replied, "Yea Lord I LOVE you."

The second time Jesus used agapas Me  
"Are you fond of ME?" Peter replied  
with Phileo set. ~~Not only fond of you~~  
I love you with real love.

Then the third time Jesus leaves off  
agapao...fond of, and uses the word  
Peter has been using Phileo and Pet  
again answers with that word.

Jesus in effect said to him, "Peter  
you have said more than you think.  
The answer that you have been giving  
really means that you love with a love  
that would lead you to give up your  
life for me. When you were young you  
went where so ever you wanted to go  
but when you are old you will stretch  
out your hands and go where you do not  
want to go. You have insistentlly said  
you loved me like that so come on fol  
low me.

Now when Jesus takes him up on his  
proposition Peter changes the subject.  
He turns around and seeing the apostle  
John whom Jesus loved, Peter said  
"But what about this man? He is the  
one you love so much why don't you let  
him go and die for you?"

"If I let John stay here till the  
second coming what is that <sup>to</sup> you fol  
low thou me...meet your own responsi-

bility...follow thou me." 479

~~We are taught here to say away with the doctrine...~~ "Before I do I want to see what George is going to do...Two farmers with same acreage but one with sickness and hard luck..rich one waits to see what George does.Jesus does not like that sort of thing.

We see four things in this:

1. The answer is not always the true picture of the heart.
2. Jesus sees beyond your verbal answer
3. You are responsible for your own responsibility.
4. The other man not doing and not even being asked to do does not relieve you of your responsibility, and duty

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Did Peter follow? <sup>(1) Acts 2:14+</sup> sermon at Pentecost - ~~His death~~ -

② Acts 3:1 →

matter not what others do; by the help of God I will be true to my conscientious responsibility" Bow heads