

“Better Marks For Peter” By Kirk Hunt

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18 NKJV

Simon, son of Jonah, gets a lot of press among Christians. Most of that press is bad. Worse, some of it has come from me. Peter deserves better marks than he generally gets.

Make no mistake. Simon, called Peter by Christ, was a man of unique strength and capability. Jesus had good reasons to select him to lead the Church after His ascension. The reasons are not too hard to figure out.

When Peter did not understand, he asked. That marks Peter as discerning and teachable.

When they came to arrest Jesus, Scripture records only Peter attempted a defense. That marks him as courageous, loyal and willing to swing a sword.

When Peter declared Jesus as Messiah, Jesus commended Peter for being spoken to by God. That marks Peter as pursuing a deeper relationship with God.

Peter earned high marks for being a man of character who pursued a personal relationship with God. We laugh at his imperfections, but we should admire his strengths. We should also follow his example in our pursuit of God.

Let them laugh, if they must. You can pursue God and become the man or woman you see in your dreams. Chase after high marks in Jesus, and they will come.

Think: What marks do I get as a follower of Jesus Christ?

Pray: “Lord, help me to seek high marks from You.”

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