

The Consequences of Our Actions / The danger of not knowing
Galatians 6:7

At the end of Jesus Christ's ministry two of His chosen apostles did something that was seriously wrong. Peter and Judas.

Judas betrayed Jesus Christ for a sum of money. Peter, a few hours after Judas had betrayed Jesus Christ, denied Jesus Christ three times, each time in a more forceful way.

Denial; refusal, to reject, to disown, **Betrayal**: means to violate a person's trust or confidence,

PETER DENYING JESUS CHRIST

[Matthew 26:31-35](#)

Peter was certainly sincere and genuine when he made this statement. In his own mind Peter was totally and unconditionally committed to Jesus Christ. He really believed that he was incapable of denying Jesus Christ. This was not a premeditated statement.

We need to recognize that we are just as capable of falling short as anyone else.

1 Corinthians 10:12

Once Judas appeared with the mob to arrest Jesus Christ, Peter lived up to his intentions to fight for Jesus Christ. John 18:10

The soldiers then bound Jesus Christ and took Him away, but they left the apostles alone. John 18:12-13

Why do you think? [Luke 22:49-51](#)

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO

Judas planned in advance what he was going to do. Peter did not at all plan to deny Jesus Christ. Peter himself had no idea that a few hours later he really would deny Jesus Christ.

Judas's motivation was premeditated greed, proved by his question: what will you give me?

Peter's motivation was spontaneous fear, fear of being identified with Jesus Christ. Peter was not at all motivated by wanting to get anything for himself.

Judas felt sorry for himself, proved by committing suicide. [Mark 14:21](#)

Peter repented towards God for having denied Jesus Christ, proved by weeping bitterly. Peter changed, while Judas never did change. [Luke 22:32](#), [John 21:15-25](#)

Judas (betrayal) was intentionally planned, Peter (denial) was unintentional was not planned.

While Judas will be burned up in the lake of fire, the Apostle Peter will be in God's Kingdom, ruling over one of the twelve tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28).