

*An old priest got tired of everyone in his parish confessing adultery. During one Sunday sermon, he told them, "If one more person confesses to adultery, I'll quit!"*

*Since everyone liked him, they decided to use a code word "fallen".*

*From then on, anyone who had committed adultery said they had "fallen".*

*This satisfied the old priest and the parishioners, and everything was fine for years until years later, when the old priest passed away.*

*Soon after, the new young priest who had taken over felt it necessary to call on the mayor.*

*The priest was concerned. "You have to do something about the sidewalks in this town, Mayor. You can't believe how many people come into the confessional talking about having fallen!"*

*The mayor started to laugh, realizing that no one had explained the code word to the new priest.*

*Seeing that the mayor was not taking him seriously, the priest declared, "I don't know why you're laughing. Your wife fell three times last week!"*