



Week 3 Living Stones

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¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.”
Matthew 5:14 (NLT)

⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11 (NIV11)

¹⁹ That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. ²⁰ He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone ²¹ that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, ²² all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (MSG)

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⁵ You come to him as living stones, a spiritual house that is being built into a holy priesthood. So offer spiritual sacrifices that God accepts through Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 2:5 (GW)

1. Do what I _____ do.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in

much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

Luke 16:10-11 (NRSV)

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2. Do what I _____ do.

³ I assure you that by their own free will they have given all they could, even more than they could afford. ⁴ They made an appeal to us, begging us to let them participate in the ministry of God's kindness to his holy people.
2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (GW)

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3. Do what I _____ do.

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

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⁹ They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.
Psalm 112:9 (NLT)

¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.
1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NRSV)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Accept Jesus as my Savior and commit to live for Him.
- Be available for God use to build a “spiritual house.”
- Ask God to help me grow in what I should, could, or would be doing.
- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 Corinthians 3:9