

Evening Reflections

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It takes a lot of bricks to build a house. Some large bricks, some small bricks, some bricks of different colors, and some bricks of different shapes. If a brick is left out of a wall, that wall will not be as strong as it should be. It does not matter where in the wall the brick is missing, a missing brick will weaken the wall.

Every builder knows the first to do is to make sure the surface is stable to build upon. If he tried to build a house on a mud flat, what would happen? If a builder chose not to build upon a solid foundation, the house would eventually fall apart.

God, the master builder, knew to start His house on a solid foundation. He used twelve strong foundation stones to build upon. It took Jesus, a master mason, to prepare the foundation stones. He taught the disciples what they needed to know to become the foundation of God's house. We know this because Jesus told us in Matthew 16:18, "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." Jesus knew the disciples were the foundation stones and the beginning of His church.

We are also reminded in Ephesians 2:20, "having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone."

It takes all kinds of bricks to build a strong church. Be your own brick, but be a part of the whole church. It doesn't matter if you are a large brick, a little brick, a different shape of brick, or a different color of brick, every brick is important.

For the church to survive and flourish, it takes every brick doing its part. Don't say, "I don't have any special talents." Just be your own brick. God, the master mason, will place you where you are needed the most. You could say, "I can't do this or I can't do that." But it doesn't matter because every brick starts out the same way. Bricks start from a lump of unformed wet clay. From that unformed wet mass of clay, God will form a useable brick. He will use you where your brick will honor Him. Don't think because you have not realized what your role will be in God's church that you will not be a brick in His house.

Remember what Peter said in 1 Peter 2:6-7. "Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.' Therefore, to you who believe He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,'".

Let me say to you, do not let anyone tell you what you are doing is not precious if you are doing it to praise God. No matter what role you play, hold you head high because you are GOD'S child. He will always honor those who honor Him. We all play a role in GOD'S church that is being built on Earth. This is to prepare us for the time when GOD brings Heaven to Earth. And that will be a glorious day!!!!

ARE YOU A BRICK?