Title : Praying stones

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We are living stones

1 Peter 2:45 NKJV Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

A house of passionate prayer

Isaiah 56:7 NKJV "Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

John 2:13-14,17 ESV ¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁴ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 15 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Jesus was not dispassionate towards the place of the gathering of God's people.



"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important."

"In the Trinity Term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men, and His compulsion is our liberation."

C.S. Lewis as quoted in "the historic role of young people in God's plans", internet article.

"Do you want to spend the rest of your life selling sugared water, or do you want a chance to change the world?"

Steve Jobs to John Scully

Do you want to spend the rest of your life moderately interested in church, or do you want to change the world?

For a long time I was much troubled in my soul and my heart by thinking over the failure of Christianity...But one night after I had been in great distress about this, I went to sleep, and at one o'clock suddenly I was awakened up out of my sleep, and I found myself with unspeakable joy and awe in the very presence of the Almighty God. And for the space of four hours I was privileged to speak face to face with him as a man speaks face to face with a friend. At five o'clock it seemed to me as if I again returned to earth...And it was not only that morning but every morning for three to four months....and I knew that God was going to work in the land and not this land only, but the world.

Evan Roberts, Welsh Revivalist

Mark 11:15 ESV ¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

Luke 10:1-2 ESV ¹. After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

A house of prayer has an outward focus.

A house of prayer is uncomfortable to the flesh.

A house of prayer revolves around God's priorities.

A house of prayer is willing to be the answer.