

Living Stones | 1st Peter

WEEK FOUR | PASTOR BOB JOHNSTON

Horizontal & Vertical Relationships

Lay Aside Relational Sins (Horizontal)

- ◇ “malice” – desire to hurt someone with words or deeds
- ◇ “deceit” – to bait the hook, deliberate dishonesty
- ◇ “hypocrisy” – the practice of putting on a mask. Someone who pretends to be something he or she is not.
- ◇ “envy” - jealousy of the success of others or happiness at another’s misfortune.
- ◇ “slander” - to speak down about someone, gossip, tale bearing, backbiting, spreading rumors, judging others unfairly.

The Word of God for the believer is like milk to a baby.

- ◇ v1 - relational sins that need to be put off
- ◇ v2 - the vertical reality of spiritual growth

Our vertical and horizontal growth are linked together.

- ◇ When your horizontal relationships are messed up, your vertical will never be right.
- ◇ Let God’s goodness be the foundation of your life and you will find your anger, malice, envy and more slipping away.

We are not alone, God is building a spiritual house of living stones. Ephesians 2:19-22

- ◇ We are God’s temple
- ◇ We are God’s family
- ◇ We are a spiritual house of God

SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 2:1-8

1 John 4:20

Psalms 34:8

Isaiah 28:16

Psalms 118:22-23

Acts 4:10-12

Ephesians 2:19-22

TAKEAWAY

“We are living stones established and built upon the corner stone – Jesus Christ.”

KNOW

GROW | Small Group Questions

Pastor Bob gave us a good example of getting rid of the 5 sins in our lives Peter mentions in verse 1. Go through the sermon again, or the notes above and identify the ones that you need to lay aside. Pray this week that God will give you strength to do this, and then, get to work!

