

Coffee, Cake & Craft

The wise man

Bible Reading: Matthew 7: 24-27

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

If our spiritual houses, which are being built in our hearts and minds, are solidly based on Jesus and his Word, we can have complete confidence that no matter what happens, our souls are secure. This means grounding ourselves in Christ every day and making wise choices through the guidance of his Spirit before the storms of life come. Only in him can we be assured that our foundation is rock-solid.

Prayers (Mothers Union July midday prayers)

Heavenly Father you provide the raw materials for us to work with. With the sand and cement we produce the binding for the bricks producing the solid foundation for our construction. With Your word and following your instructions, we can produce the solid foundations for our life and your work here on earth. Our trust is in you Lord, the house-builder. **Amen**

Lord, give me this day a heart of gratitude:

Give me a heart of gratitude which is so filled with thanksgiving that worry and concern have no room.

Give me a heart of gratitude which remembers you as the present Giver who is my refuge and my portion.

Give me a heart of gratitude which cries out thanksgiving and praise even in the midst of anguish, pain, and frustration.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is capable of love, hope, and peace despite the tensions, hurts, and foolishness of this world.

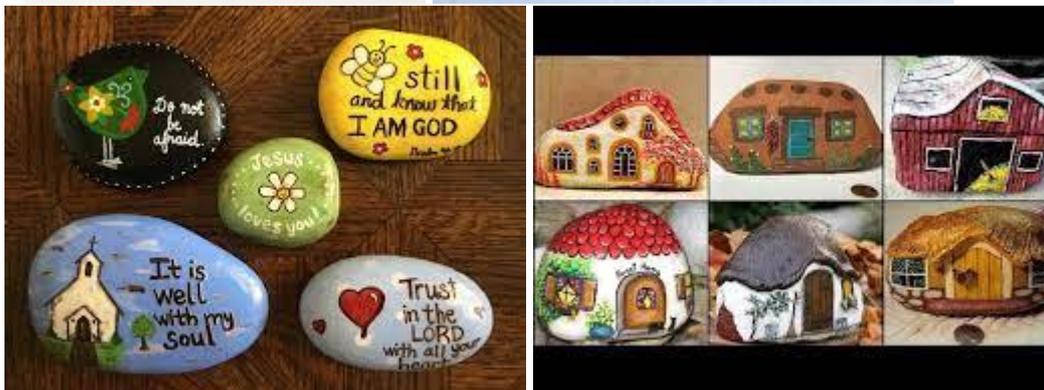
Give me a heart of gratitude which is ever and always yours.

Amen

James Spencer (adapted)

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Craft: make a painted pebble

Decorate a pebble, inspired by today's bible reading



You need: small pebbles from beach, pack of acrylic paint pens

Instructions: use the bible reading as inspiration for pebble painting