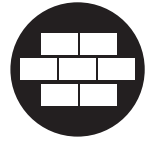

BRICK



> Jude 1:21-22 <

Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt.

Bricks have been around forever. From some of the earliest known civilizations men and women have been making bricks. Some were hewn from rock. Others were made with clay and straw. Bricks have been used to make one-room dwellings all the way to the greatest of human structures, like the pyramids of Giza.

I saw a brick the other day and it was all by itself. It was being used to prop open a door between two rooms. It was a brick that was used in the original construction of the house and was a left over. As I passed by it, I thought just how different its use is as opposed to how other bricks were being used in the house. It is a lot like humans. By ourselves we can do good things and be very good and useful in our world. However, when we join together for a greater purpose and commit to working together we can achieve great and amazing things.

Just as the bricks that make up a house don't work alone, we too are called to work together and build off of one another for the good of our world. Unlike bricks, we're not all uniform, fitting perfectly together. This means we have to work harder, each of us figuring out our individual roles in the greater scheme of life. Our calling as Christ-followers is to be graceful with others as they find their places and work through doubts and questions. Each person has a place. Each one of us has a role. And together we can build great and wonderful things in our world for our God.

Go and Do

Unlike bricks we're all unique. What are your unique qualities that you can add to what God is calling us to do in the world? What are the things that you've been given to help advance God's mission in the world? Take sometime and list some of the things that you love and are good at and then begin to think about how those things can be used to bring about God's goodness, grace, and love to those around you.
