



# The Notes

## 5 STONES

### Part 7: *The Maturity Stone*

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*“When the Philistine stood up and approached, David ran toward the line of battle to meet him. As quick as a flash, he reached into his bag, put a stone in his sling, and launched it at the Philistine, hitting him in the head. The stone sank deeply into his forehead, and the Philistine fell face-first onto the ground. That was how David defeated the Philistine with only a sling and a single stone, striking him down, ending his life without a sword in his hand. Then David ran to the Philistine and stood over his lifeless body. He pulled the man’s sword from its scabbard and finished him by cutting off his head. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they knew they would be next, so they ran away.”*

**1 Samuel 17:48-51** (TVB)

*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.*

*Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.*

*This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."*

**Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)**

*"When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things."*

**1 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)**

**THE STONE OF MATURITY IS THE MOST  
DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE AND TO CARRY  
BECAUSE IT...**

**1. ...STARTS AS SHARP-EDGED BELIEFS**

**2.**

*“Go out and preach the word! Go whether it’s an opportune time or not! Reprove, warn, and encourage; but do so with all the patience and instruction needed to fulfill your calling because a time will come when some will no longer tolerate sound teaching. Instead, they will live by their own desires; they’ll scratch their itching ears by surrounding themselves with teachers who approve of their lifestyles and tell them what they want to hear. They will turn away from the real truth you have to offer because they prefer the sound of fables and myths.”*

**2 Timothy 4:2-4** (TVB)

*“So, my friends, while we wait for the day of the Lord, work hard to live in peace, without flaw or blemish; and look at the patience of the Lord as your salvation. Our dearly loved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, has written about this. He says essentially the same in all of his letters, although uneducated and unstable readers misinterpret the difficult passages, just as they always misread Scripture, to their spiritual ruin. So hear my final words, my friends. Now that I have warned you about what’s ahead, keep up your guard and don’t let unprincipled people pull you away from the sure ground of the truth with their lies and misunderstandings. Instead, grow in grace and in the true knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Anointed, to whom be glory, now and until the coming of the new age. Amen.*

**2 Peter 4:13-18** (TVB)

## 2. ...ONLY BECOMES SMOOTH THROUGH BEING REPEATEDLY PUT TO WORK

*“So you see, it isn’t enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn’t show itself by good works is no faith at all—it is dead and useless. But someone may well argue, ‘You say the way to God is by faith alone, plus nothing; well, I say that good works are important too, for without good works you can’t prove whether you have faith or not; but anyone can see that I have faith by the way I act.’ Are there still some among you who hold that ‘only believing’ is enough? Believing in one God? Well, remember that the demons believe this too—so strongly that they tremble in terror!”*

**James 2:17-19** (TLB)

*“Put the word into action. If you think hearing is what matters most, you are going to find you have been deceived. If some fail to do what God requires, it’s as if they forget the word as soon as they hear it. One minute they look in the mirror, and the next they forget who they are and what they look like.”*

**James 1:22-24** (TVB)

*“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing.*

*Then the God of peace will be with you.”*

**Philippians 4:9** (NLT)

**3. ...IS COMPLETED WHEN IT TRANSFORMS WHO I AM**

*“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. Then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”*

**Romans 5:3-5** (TLB)