

Pet Rocks

Yes, it has been a long time since “pet rocks” were a popular idea. There were a lot of people who really “got into it!” They talked to them, dress them up, and make a place for them to “sleep.” They treated them like a real pet! It was a real experience for some people.

Several things were true about pet rocks. Maybe you think it was just silly, but no one ever had a pet rock, “turn on them,” that is: bite them, or yell back at them, or insult them or abuse them or hurt them.

Maybe that’s why they were so popular. Maybe that’s why pets are so popular. It’s rare that a legitimate pet turns on its owner. If it does happen, usually the owner of the pet was the one who was abusing the pet. There may be exceptions. However, in defense of the pets, there are places, which use animals to help patients with mental or emotional therapy.

Not all of us have pets, but all of us have a need for something pets offer: love, nurturing and affection. All of us need to love and be loved. God made us that way. There’s the rub: maybe pet rocks don’t hurt us, but they don’t love us either. At least animals can show some kind of affection. Rocks are just rocks. No matter how well you dress them up and no matter how nicely you talk to them.

Yet, listen to Peter:

*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 [1 Peter 2:4-5](#).*

This is a word picture to describe that we are not just rocks, but LIVING rocks that are precious to God and holy with God and accepted by God! That we mean so much to God that His Son was sacrificed so that God could accept us! He loved us with a great love! Hopefully that love will penetrate our hearts before they turn stone cold!

Love to all,
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