



Supreme Function

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The Cologne Cathedral is one of the most famous cathedrals in the world. It is Germany's most visited landmark with 20,000 visitors passing through every day. Construction was started in 1248 and was stopped in 1473 (left unfinished). Work restarted in the 1800's and it was completed in 1880. Its spires are the second tallest of any spires in the world. It was built as a place for the Roman emperor to worship. As beautiful as this building is, we have discovered the church of Jesus Christ is not about mortar and bricks. It's about the fact that mankind is lost, and God loved the world so much, He sent His only Son to die on a cross.

Our job is to keep our hearts right. Our ministry is to Jesus, and he is our focus. Now, in this lesson we focus on where the rubber hits the road and talk with you about our responsibilities. We must realize the house rules of God's House.

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COURAGE

C1: The scriptures have likened the church to a spiritual building, supernatural body, and a sacred bride.

- Which of these three most resonates with you? Why?

- Which of these resonates the least with you? Why?

C2: Read and answer the following.

Revelation 19:7 (ESV) Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.

- When you see the words “wedding” and “bride,” as a man what comes to your mind?

C3: What is our function as believers in His House?

STRENGTH

S1: The writer of Hebrews gives us marching orders for a life of victory and overcoming strength. Read and answer the following.

Hebrews 10:19–25 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are five simple instructions that if followed will provide great results?

S2: Honor is something lost in today's culture. Read and answer the following.

1 Chronicles 16:27–29 (ESV)

- From these verses, what do you glean about honor?

S3: Faithfulness is something forgotten in our culture. Read and answer the following.

Psalms 66:1–2 (ESV)

Luke 4:16 (ESV)

- From these verses, what do you glean?

- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very faithful and 4 being not very faithful, rate yourself on how faithful you are to God's House. Write an improvement plan.

ENDURANCE

E1: Some men think that serving God is like going to a buffet restaurant. We pick and choose what we like. What do you believe Jesus wants to see you do in His House?

E2: Everyone in my house has a job to do. Jesus gives us a job in His House. Read and answer the following.

John 15:1–7 (ESV)

- From the verses, what are the marching orders given to believers?

E3: On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very fruitful and 4 being not very fruitful, rate yourself on how fruitful you are in God's House. Write out a plan to improve in the next 90 days.