

## God's House

While the number of Scriptures devoted to how to properly manage our biological families is limited, the number of Scriptures instructing God's spiritual family, the church, are numerous. What applies toward behavior expected in the church usually applies towards ours homes, families, friendships, community and working relationships also.

The central functions of the church are:

- Helping lead people to Christ, and to then strengthen their faith
- Helping people enjoy the joy of the Lord and the peace that passes understanding
- Provide a place for people to enjoy one another
- Share Holy Communion together
- Encourage and love one another
- Teach young people about Jesus
- Pray and believe for physical and emotional healing
- Express the love of Christ to the community and world

Don't most of the functions apply to our homes and families as well?

### Hebrews 3:12-13 & 1 Thessalonians 5:11

#### Importance of honoring and serving God's House

##### Haggai 1:1-11

- One of the reasons we are not experiencing the abundant life that Jesus promised, is that we perhaps are neglecting the Lord's house.
- What adjustments do you need to make in your life to create more margin (time, money, energy, etc.) to properly attend to the Lord's house?
- **Hebrews 10:19-25**
- What has the Lord spoken to your heart to do or to give in His name? Are you being obedient? Is it possible that you are attending to your house, while neglecting the Lord's house?
- *Consider your ways!*

##### Haggai 1:12-15

- The leaders and the people obeyed the Lord's warning.
- They heeded the words of the prophet. NOT EVERY WARNING FROM GOD WILL BE SPOKEN DIRECTLY TO YOU. **Amos 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
- The Lord's presence manifested and stirred the hearts of the people.

##### Haggai 2:1-9

- God has done wonderful and powerful things in the past.
- God is shaking up things once again.
- He is filling His house with glory (presence of God).
- There will be supernatural provision (silver & gold). That is good news for the people of God. More than likely that will come through the Lord's people. If God can get it THROUGH you, He will get it TO you! **1 Thessalonians 5:24** He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.
- This the day for Greater Glory & Peace.