

CHURCH

Extreme Makeover...Family Edition (Part 6)

⁴⁵ ... I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth."
1 Timothy 3:15 (NASB)

- ❖ The church is the pillar of the truth.
- ❖ The church is the foundation of truth.

I. **BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH.**

⁴³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.'" Matthew 16:13-19 (NASB)

Two Powerfully Clear Statements:

- A. I will build My church.
- B. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

II. **SUBMIT TO THE CHURCH.**

⁴⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17 (NASB)

III. **PARTICIPATE IN THE CHURCH.**

⁴⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:19-25 (NASB)

How to Participate in the Church:

- A. By Worshipping Christ (Love God)
 1. Come often
 2. Come early
 3. Come prepared
- B. By Walking with Christ in fellowship with others (Connect with Others)
- C. By Working for Christ (Transform the World)

MY NEXT STEP:

In Loving God –

In Connecting with Others –

In Transforming the World –