

WORLD'S FASTEST HOUSEWARMING PARTY

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A housewarming party is cut short when the house built on the sand begins to collapse around the host and his guests.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: If you have a clever audio tech, have him make a really fun and over the top sound effect clip you can use for every time part of the house crumbles and crashes.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3M, 1F, extras

TOPIC: House on a Rock

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 7:24-27

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon starter, Seeker services

CHARACTERS: TODD - a foolish builder
RON - a wise builder
JEFF and ADDIE - neighbors
Other party guests

PROPS: Tables, chairs, furniture, serving tray, food, drinks

COSTUMES: Casual party attire

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired; special sound effect (see script for details)

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Inside the house built on sand

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Tables are set onstage with drinks, snacks, etc. A sprinkling of party guests are on stage enjoying the food and drink. Todd has a tray of hors d'oeuvres and is serving as the lights come up. Jeff and Addie enter.

TODD: Hi there.

JEFF: Hello. Is this the house warming party?

TODD: Yes it is. I'm Todd Maxwell, and you are?

JEFF: I'm Jeff, and this is my wife Addie.

ADDIE: Hello.

TODD: Hello, thank you for coming. Care for an hors d'oeuvres?

ADDIE: Ohh, thank you.

JEFF: So you're the guy who built the house?

TODD: Yes, sir, I am. How do you like it?

JEFF: I love it.

ADDIE: It's so beautiful!

JEFF: Is this real marble we're standing on?

TODD: It is! I ordered that special from Italy.

ADDIE: It's gorgeous.

JEFF: I told you we need to do this when we re-do our kitchen.

TODD: Have a look around. I spared no expense, from the foundation up to the attic.

ADDIE: It's all very lovely.

JEFF: Yeah. There's just one thing I don't get. Why did you build your house down here on the beach and not up on the rock?

TODD: *(laughs)* Have a drink, folks, enjoy the party.

JEFF: But I--

ADDIE: Oh, look, Jeffy, they have Near Beer!

Addie and Jeff walk over to a table to get some drinks. Ron enters.