

ORDER: a regular *arrangement*, i.e.
(in time) fixed *succession* (of rank or character), official *dignity*.
Let all things be done decently and in **order**. 1Co 14:40

All things are to be done decently and in **order**. Note: order doesn't just happen, it must be **set**:

1. "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest **set in order** the things that are wanting" Tit 1:5
2. "And the rest will I **set in order** when I come." 1Co 11:34
3. "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to **set forth in order** a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us," Luke 1:1

All things are to be done in order. The everlasting covenant the Lord made with David was "**ordered in all things**, and sure" (2Sa 23:5). The scriptures show that order affects every part of our spiritual life:

1. "the tabernacle of the congregation ... Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the Lord ... forever" (Ex 27:21, Lev 24:3). Note: order must continually be set!
 - i. from the boards of the sanctuary (Ex 21:16)
 - ii. to the candlestick (Ex 39:37, Lev 24:4)
 - iii. to the table of shewbread (Ex 40:4,23, Lev 24:8)
 - iv. even to the sacrifice itself (Lev 1:7,12, 6:12, 1K 18:33)
2. "the service of the house of the Lord was set in order." (2Ch 29:35):
 - i. from the singers & to those who prophesied (1Ch 25:2,6),
 - ii. as to when the sons of Aaron were to come and serve (1Ch 24:19).
 - iii. each "waited on their office according to their order." (1Ch 6:32, 23:31, Lk 1:8)
 - iv. all of it was according to the order of the king (2Ch 8:14).
3. our house must be set in order (Isa 38:1 [Hezekiah], 2Sa 17:23 [Ahithophel]),
4. our children must be set in order (Jdg 13:12, 1Tim 3:4-5).
5. the steps of a *good* man are **ordered** by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Ps 37:23
 - i. "**Order** my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." Ps 119:133
 - ii. we are not to walk disorderly (2Th 3:6-11, Act 18:23)
6. battles must be ordered (1K 20:14).
7. even the Word of God itself is ordered (Lk 1:1-3, Ecc 12:9).
8. "And the rest will I set in **order** when I come." 1Co 11:34

Order is of critical importance in our life. Note how Paul was concerned about the Thessalonians for he heard that some were walking **disorderly** (not arranged in an orderly manner) and not according to the precept or ordinance which they had received (2Th 3:11). This troubled Paul for he, nor Silas, nor Timothy behaved themselves **disorderly** among them (2Th 3:7, Ac 21:24). Walking **disorderly** is of such a magnitude that Paul had to command the brethren to "withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh **disorderly**, and not after the tradition [precept or ordinance] which ye received" (2Th 3:6). Order is so important that:

1. The Kingdom of God had to be **ordered** BEFORE it could be established (Isa 9:7).
2. **Order** comes BEFORE the steadfastness of our faith in Christ (Col 2:5). In the spiritual realm, order can be both seen & felt (producing joy [cheerfulness] or frustration & despondency if it is lacking).
3. **Order** comes BEFORE the ordaining of elders (the government of God) (Tit 1:5).
4. When God reproves us, He will always "set *them* in **order** before thine eyes." (Ps 50:21)
5. God promises: "to him that **ordereth** *his* conversation [a *course* of life or *mode* of action] *aright* will I shew the salvation of God." (Ps 50:23)
6. David & the priests did not seek God after the due order & God made a breach upon them (1Ch 15:13).
7. God is looking for those who like Him will **set things in order** (in the way He does, Isa 44:7) [Note: this was what Peter did when he "rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by **order** unto them" concerning Cornelius, Act 11:4]

Note: the English dictionary gives 40 different definitions for the word ORDER. Look at the confusion Satan wants to bring to this most important subject!
