

FOR CHARACTER • FOR RELATIONSHIPS • FOR LIFE

ORDER

STRUCTURE, PRIORITIES, GUIDELINES



O rder is arrangement of the parts of a whole. It includes observance of law and civil conduct. In a relationship it includes guidelines and boundaries for conduct, as well as agreement on priorities.

Using the definition above, do I practice order with others? How?



Using the definition above, do I practice order with myself? How?

How would I rate myself on practicing order with others?

Poor ___ Fair ___ Good ___ Excellent ___ Date ___

Symptoms and consequences . . .

HOW TO TELL WHEN ORDER IS LACKING

Called *disorder*, the lack of order takes many forms: a disorganized life, confused priorities, or even lawlessness. Discipline may be mocked, boundaries ignored, and commitments neglected. Rules may only be observed when convenient.

At times we are simply unwilling to invest the time and effort to “get organized.”

We may erroneously think that order restricts rather than frees. We may never have learned how to live an orderly life.

Unless you have a strong, healthy routine, I doubt that you can live a successful life.

- Dave Thomas

Who do I find it hard to show order to?

List 1-3 names, codes, or initials



Why?

Who do I find it easy to show order to?

List 1-3 names, codes, or initials



Why?

Date _____

Seed 7

LIFESKILLS

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RESPECT
ENCOURAGEMENT
LISTENING
APPRECIATION
TRUST
INTEGRITY
ORDER
NURTURE
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HOPE
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FOR GROWTH

Order helps fill the human need for:

Structure



Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

- 1 Corinthians 14:40

Write below what the verse above means to you.



There's a good harvest . . .

WHEN ORDER GROWS

While some say they want complete freedom to do whatever they wish, only the very foolish want to live without order. Order is needed for individuals to live and work well together. Order brings basic guidelines for relationships, priorities to direct our efforts, and streamlined routines to get tasks done efficiently. Order helps teams become more effective.




SOME OF THE BLESSINGS WHEN ORDER GROWS:

- People interrelate with civility.
- People have a track to run on.
- Many destructive behaviors and their consequences can be avoided.
- Tasks get done more effectively as orderly habits and routines are practiced.

**Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.**

- Psalms 119:133

Which blessings are the most important to me?

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Considering the examples on the right → → → → → → → → →

AM I PRACTICING ORDER WITH . . .

- **Family members?** Yes No *If yes, how?*

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How could I improve?

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- **Friends and acquaintances?** Yes No *If yes, how?*

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How could I improve?

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- **Authority Figures?** Yes No *If yes, how?*

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How could I improve?

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What will I commit to do in order to better practice this seed?

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HABITS TO HELP ORDER GROW:

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me live an orderly life that will be a blessing to others.

THOUGHTS & ATTITUDES

Routines conserve mental energy!
Think of rules as guidelines for orderly living.
Identify and focus on top priorities.

WORDS

“Thanks for helping me organize this!”
“What’s important here? Please help me clarify my priorities.”

ACTIONS

Write down your items of priority, reread often.
Simplify, clarify, eliminate clutter.

FELLOWSHIP

Watch and learn from organized people.
Get into an accountability relationship.

Date _____ Signed _____