

How does God require ORDERLINESS?



1 *Be orderly before God.*

The head maintains order throughout the body. We are commanded to “. . . grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).

2 *Be orderly before your parents.*

Parents are to maintain order in the lives of their children, who are to learn and demonstrate order with the attitude of a willing servant, for “. . . the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all” (Galatians 4:1).

3 *Be orderly before your conscience.*

Our consciences will inform us whether our thoughts and actions are in line with truth: “Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me” (Psalm 119:133).

4 *Be orderly before your teachers and elders.*

God requires order in learning and in His house: “Let all things be done decently and in order” (I Corinthians 14:40).

5 *Be orderly before your civil authorities.*

Submission is a military term which involves voluntarily lining up in order under authority. “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake . . .” (I Peter 2:13).

6 *Be orderly before your employer.*

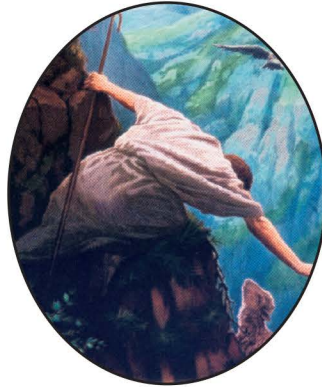
Orderliness will increase efficiency and productivity, which will please your employer. We are commanded to “. . . please them well in all things . . .” (Titus 2:9).

How did Jesus demonstrate Orderliness?



1 Order with God.

Christ arranged His daily schedule to be with His Heavenly Father first so that God might order the rest of His day. (See Mark 1:35.)



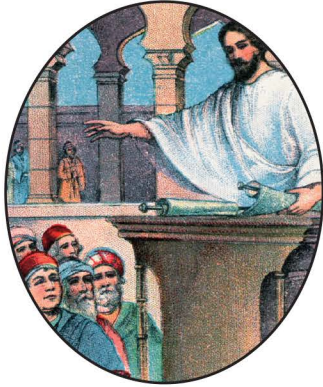
2 Order with parents.

Christ's orderly care of each item in His home and carpentry shop is reflected in His parable of the lost sheep. (See Matthew 18:12-13.)



3 Order with conscience.

Jesus organized His entire life around the purposes of His birth under the direction of His Heavenly Father. (See John 17:4.)



4 Order with elders.

Jesus went to every city in God's timing and in harmony with the prophecies which were read in the synagogues. (See Luke 4:16-21.)



5 Order with rulers.

The life of Jesus began with His registration in the census and concluded with the official orders to guard His tomb. (See Luke 2:1.)



6 Order with employers.

Jesus demonstrated the kind of orderliness that employers look for when He fed the 5,000 and gathered up the fragments. (See Luke 9:14-17.)

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"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Galatians 4:4).