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Anchor Bible Church Ladies Organizing Extravaganza

*The Life and Habits of a Well-Ordered Soul*

1. Taking Cues from Our Well-Ordered God

“We are creatures of a great master Designer, and His ordering of our lives is sure and certain, yet many people live without any visible order or peace or serenity. The way we live ought to manifest the truth of what we believe. A messy life speaks of a messy—an incoherent—faith.” ~Elisabeth Elliot

2. Salvation and the Beginnings of a Well-Ordered Soul

At salvation the chaos, disorder, sinful responses, and attitudes of our former life will give way to peace, rest for our souls and bodies, harmony, and order.

3. Developing a Scriptural Focus for a Well-Ordered Life

“There will be no marked growth in Christian holiness if we do not labor to overcome our natural disinclination towards secret spiritual exercises.” ~Maurice Roberts

4. Valuing the Well-Ordered Life and Home

“The way you keep your house, the way you organize your time, the care you take in your personal appearance, *the things you spend your money on all speak loudly about what you believe.* ‘The beauty of Thy peace’ shines forth in an ordered life.” ~Elisabeth Elliot

Order Brings Freedom, Planning Ushers in Rest, Diligence Brings Joy

For Your Consideration and Future Conversations—

1. In your words, how would you describe the connection between a well-ordered life/home and time with the Lord?
2. *Why* do you work at keeping yourself and things orderly and organized?
3. What is the *first thing* you prioritize in your daily routine?
4. How do you *prioritize* your focus about what to organize or keep organized?
5. What is the *biggest time waster* when it comes to keeping things organized in your home?
6. At what point does organizing *become an idol or a sin*?
7. What is the *balance* between maintaining an orderly, organized home and being more relaxed?
8. What *benefits* (both in general and spiritually) have you gained from focusing on order in your home?
9. What *verses encourage* you the most when it comes to order and organizing?
10. What verses remind you *to maintain a right balance between holding to a plan and taking what's given from the Lord*?
11. Are you “naturally” organized? What’s wrong with saying, “I’m not *naturally* organized, so I don’t worry about it.”
12. How have you *grown* in your diligence/order/organizing skills?
13. *What area* of order/organizing/diligence do you feel is your strength or the area you have grown the most in?
14. What part does narrowing things down or getting rid of things play when it comes to order and organizing?
15. What things do you find easy to get rid of? What are the hardest things to get rid of?
16. What little tricks, games, or habits do you employ it comes to sorting and getting rid of things or bringing order to your life and home?
17. What is your most “valuable” organizing habit?
18. Favorite organizing item?
19. Favorite organizing reminder or saying?
20. Favorite book or influencer for a well-ordered life?

From Sam Henderson: The Magic Question asks, “What can I do *now* that will make life easier *later*?”