

God's Rules of Order Psalm 1; Romans 12: 1-2; John 4:34

Are you blessable? You may be blessed with salvation but are you blessed with the abundant life? Ps. 68:19 there are benefits to knowing and serving God. He wants to load you with His benefits every single day.

ADD John 18:36-38; Mat. 13:22-24 if we are suffering in an area of our life it's because we are not following God's Rules of Order. In the natural for a meeting to go well there needs to be Robert's Rules of Order; according to Psalm 1 God has some rules He has ordered for us. Success for the Christian is spelled faithfulness. Ps. 1:1 Who's counsel are you walking in? what ever you are interested in you can find someone who's good at it but are they godly or ungodly? There are many business gurus who are doing well but if they are ungodly their end is not good, it's death. (v.6) we need to consider their walk and their outcome.

if you want to be blessed, in order to add something to your life, it needs to be on the AGENDA, there needs to be some DIALOGUE before there is a DECISION. We often act like a decision has been made when there has only been dialogue, or perhaps no dialogue at all, and that's where we run into trouble. Don't mistake dialogue for decision. We need to be able to discuss things, to get them on the agenda. There is a plurality of elders of which to ask counsel. Don't disregard or disrespect them because of personal feelings, they are your leaders Ps.105:15. Where is the godly counsel in your life? The Bible says if you dis your parents if will not go well for you Ex. 20:12. What makes us think that we can dis our employer, our leaders, etc. and have it turn to a blessing? Shame on us if we are trashing our spouse out in the world; how will that come back to bless us? There are times as parents that decisions are made without dialogue but not every time. Gather the facts have some discussion and then come to a decision. God's rules of order - once you consider the choice you commit it to Him and then count on Him to bring you through. Make your decision. Don't waffle back and forth. State your convictions and stick to them. It comes down to attitude and appetite. John 4 Jesus natural appetite caused them to stop in Samaria but His spiritual appetite, His need, was to meet the woman at the well, to offer her salvation. Our problem is we have changed our appetites. They once were for Jesus, and salvation but now they have changed to a bank account, a possession, a new toy. When is enough, enough? Is His grace not enough?

We SUBTRACT from our lives when we are un-submissive. When we are unwilling to put things on the agenda, when we are unwilling to dialogue. Instead of adding to our lives and flourishing and walking in blessings we have less and then the little that we have gets taken away because we refuse to submit ourselves to God. we operate in a vacuum without an agenda, with out discussion, without godly counsel or input. Could the subtraction we are experiencing be because of our lack of time spent meditating on the word?(v.2) don't depend on someone else to bring God's blessing to your family or relationship, go after God for yourself.

It goes BAD because we don't get things on the agenda, because we don't dialogue, because we make decisions in a vacuum, because we don't submit; there is a blockage. Get some convictions. Sit down as a couple or family and decide what are your convictions. Make that part of your agenda. What does it mean to be a believer in this house? What does it mean, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord"? What does it mean, "train up a child in the way it should go"? How is it different from your neighbour who has no consideration for God? How about getting the decision of your life on the agenda for discussion with Him? Though you say He is your Lord and Saviour you are making decisions in a vacuum. Get into the word and listen to what He has to say on the matter. It's the best place to hear from Him, it's where the answers are. Walk in the paths of righteousness, of godly counsel. Be thankful for the godly counsel you have in your life.