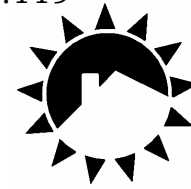


## **A House of Order - The Better Way to Live**

“. . . prepare every needful thing . . .” D&C 88:119

- Organize:**
- 1) yourself.....
  - 2) your relationships,
  - 3) your family....
  - 4) your home,
  - 5) your work.....
  - 6) your calling,
  - 7) & your life..... (one day at a time)!!!



### **SUNDAY - “Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:40**

- 2) Plan next week using a large family calendar: a) Who is doing what? b) Who is going where? c) Who needs help, a ride, some attention, or our time?

### **“. . . set in order [your] family, and see that they are more diligent and concerned at home . . .” D&C 93:50**

- 1) Hold a weekly family council: a) You and your better half; b) You, your better half, and them; c) You, your better half, and each one; d) Discuss upcoming events, current issues, and unresolved problems.

### **MONDAY - “Organize yourselves . . .” D&C 88:119**

- 3) Plan out today on paper: a) List your commitments, b) List your chores, c) List your projects, d) list what you might do if you have a few spare minutes.

### **“The steps of a good man [or woman] are ordered by the Lord . . .” Psalms 37:23**

- 4) Fix up your personal desk which is a place to: a) Think, b) Plan, c) Work!

*Remember: **Invest** in the BEST tools, **incorporate** the BEST techniques, **involve** yourself in the BEST timing*

### **TUESDAY - “. . . it is requisite that all things should be restored to their proper order.” Alma 41:2**

- 5) Bathrooms: a) Do they finish? b) How can you make it easier? c) Who can share in the work?

### **“Set in order your houses; keep slothfulness and uncleanness far from you.” D&C 90:18**

- 6) Laundry: a) What tools will aid me? b) How can I expedite? c) Who will help and when?

*Remember: **Standardize** methods, **systemize** routines, **seek** to be professional*

### **WEDNESDAY - “For all things must be done in order . . .” D&C 28:13 (repeated four different times in D&C)**

- 7) Kitchen: a) Clear off cabinets, b) Clean out cupboards, c) Condense tools to “point of first use”.

**“Establish . . . a house of order . . .” D&C 88:119**

- 8) Closets: a) Confine like things together, b) ABC management, c) Give everything a “home”.

**THURSDAY - “Behold, mine house is a house of order . . . and not a house of confusion.” D&C 132:8**

- 9) Budget: a) Cut up the cards, b) Counsel as couple, c) Prepare a budget.

*Remember: Get good at It - Practice, persevere, patiently seek to improve*

**“And they began again to prosper and to wax great . . . and there was great order in the land . . .” 3 Nephi 6:4**

- 10) Groceries: a) Shop early, b) Shop alone (as possible), c) Shop with a list.

**FRIDAY - “You may think this order of things to be very particular . . .” D&C 128:5**

- 11) Watch children until they obey: a) Low voice, b) Steady eye, c) Kind thank you.

**“Cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another; cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated.” D&C 88:124**

- 12) Always be early: a) Make phone calls early, b) Run errands early, c) Prepare meals early.

*Remember: Are you a finisher or a fireman? Are you a whiner or a worker? Are you a minimalist (just for now) or a maximizer (always and forever)?*



**SATURDAY - “. . . set in order the things that are wanting . . .” Titus 1:5**

- 13) Clean out that garage: a) What can we hang up? b) What can we give away? c) What should we discard?

**“And see that all these things are done in wisdom and order; for it is not requisite that a man should run faster than he has strength. And again, it is expedient that he should be diligent, that thereby he might win the prize.” Mosiah 4:27**

- 14) Kids’ bedrooms (their miniature homes): a) Do they have too much stuff? b) Have they had enough training? c) Do they need more supervision/motivation?

*Remember P-Q-R-S: Personality, Qualities, Responsibilities, Schedule. Are we training children who have sufficient life skills to survive in today’s world? Are we doing a good enough job?*

**SUNDAY - “Of the increase of government and peace there is no end . . . upon his kingdom to order it . . .” 2 Nephi 19:7**

- 15) Review week, hold family council: a) Prepare yourself beforehand, b) Discuss with your better half, c) Share with your children, d) Have private interviews.