

*“Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:40no2 KJV*

Every success requires an order of events. Failure occurs when order is skewed. Buildings must start with a firm foundation, and any good builder knows: without strict adherence to a plumb line, the structure will lean and eventually fall. Education and practice are required for any success, whether artist, craftsman, or businessman. Tradesmen start as apprentices. Proper order leads to proper success. Those who think to bypass the slow and steady, end in ruin; prisons are full of these! Efficiency and skill require orderly practice and experience. Medals are won by training, abstaining from certain activities and foods, and mental preparedness!



God has a proper order for the local Assembly. Foundations of obedience to God's Word and love of the brethren are required for the DECENT order of the Assembly. "Decent" means; with kindness and honesty. *“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And BE YE KIND one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”* If I HONESTLY measure my own life by the Standard of God's Word, I'll have no grounds for finding fault with another believer! God's Work should be done in the proper sequence with honesty and kindness. Most every church service in which I've been, begins with music. In God's Word, singing usually takes place after the preaching of the Word. Even at the Last Supper *“they sang a hymn and went out.”* Singing usually came after a great Work or Word of God. I'm not condemning how we traditionally order a church service; it's just something I've noticed. Most churches have such a rigid order of service it becomes more required ritual and recitation than prayer, preaching, and praise. Some "churches" create such a ruckus with music, the preaching of God's Word and prayer become afterthoughts; operating more in the realm of emotion than quietness of Holy Spirit power! *“Be still and know that I Am God!”* Most Assemblies operate more on tradition than actual study and conformity to God's Word. Why is there no longer any presence and power of God in our Assemblies? Without a good foundation, the building soon leans and falls! Without the true power of the invisible God in every gathering, the Assembly will fail! Jesus assured us, *“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Without me, ye can do nothing!”* Why does the Church of Jesus Christ no longer impact the souls of men? Do we truly gather *“in Jesus' name?”* If we listen closely to the conversations in the Assembly, is Jesus mentioned at all?

The Corner Stone assures the line,  
Of Jesus' Church to Truth Divine,  
But if the Church forgets her God,  
She'll be inscribed with, "Ichabod!" ~CGP

Believers need to reassess their motives and their relationship to Jesus Christ in the Assembly. Is it duty? Tradition? Penance? A social event? Or fellowship and worship with others in the Name of the Blessed Saviour?

*“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:20-22 KJV*