

Let's talk about: **The Power of Divine Alignment**

How many of you have heard the old saying....don't get the cart before the horse?

It simply means don't get things out of order....

In other words... **You can't have a happy life with a negative mind.**

You can't expect to grow if you only stay in your comfort zone.

You can't steer a parked car.

You can't change what you refuse to confront.

You can't defeat what you don't define.

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Have you ever tried to build something without looking at the instructions? You get halfway through, and suddenly, you realize you have extra parts, the foundation is crooked, and nothing fits together.

It's what happens when we get things out of order.

When Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, He made a deliberate choice to show the power of divine alignment.... turns the world's expectations upside down..

Matthew 21:5 NKJV "Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey."

Lowly, signifies not being overly impressed with one's own self-importance.

Imagine the Son of God not being overly impressed with himself.... The reason most people don't serve others is they are impressed with their own self-importance.

Humility always precedes Greatness...otherwise, you just have arrogance, ego, and pride.

The people wanted Jesus to battle the Roman government first, but Jesus actually came to battle sin first. He came to serve first...

For Jesus to defeat the government before He defeated sin.....and before He served others was out of order.

For us to put Money, Job, Family, and then God...that's out of order.

And when we get things out of order, we get into panic mode. We try to fix our finances, we try to fix our marriages, we try to fix our kids, but we are fixing the symptoms. The problem is that it's out of order.

It's like putting the roof on before you have the foundation....

A lot of people are living in "bless-my-mess" theology.

Now that I've done this.... God will you still bless it. I've seen people move, leave a good church, just so they could earn two/three dollars more an hour.... I understand every dollar counts....but not at the expense of your family....don't choose a job over God and then ask Him to bless you.

Notice.....the first mention of Jesus ever riding a donkey is in Matthew 21:5

This event is commonly known as Palm Sunday...and it symbolizes Jesus as a king of peace, at this moment in his life He is NOT riding a white horse symbolizing power...

Jesus is going to ride a white horse....and that is found in **Revelation 19:11 NKJV.... "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, white horse, And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war....In other words...He is coming to destroy the wicked, to overthrow the antichrist, to defeat Satan, and take control of the earth.**

But he first had to.... Defeat sin! He will come back one day and take control of the earth.

But the crowd didn't understand this....when they shouted "Hosanna" (it meant "save now") They wanted to be saved now from Roman oppression.

But that wasn't divine order..... Jesus was saying...It's the Kingdom of God first.... before political freedom.

Jesus tells us the order....**Matthew 6:33 ("But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.")**

This is the Power of Divine Alignment.

We want our finances in order, our homes in order, our health in order, and our relationships in order. Often, we come to God with our to-do list.

But I hear the Lord saying, "You are trying to fix the outside before I can fix the inside!"

We want the manifestation; Jesus wants the transformation.

When we flip the order, we find ourselves frustrated, and exhausted.

Jesus says if you put things in order....your heart, your worship, your tithes, your offerings.... your obedience...then you can look for peace, provision, and restoration.

We want God to change our circumstances, but God is trying to change our character. A chaotic life is often the result of an out-of-order spirit. When Jesus sets the inner man in order, the outer man begins to manifest the peace of God.

Jesus constantly addressed the spiritual root of sin, unbelief, and disobedience) before addressing the physical fruit (sickness, poverty, confusion).

Jesus set things in order in the temple....He didn't see a place of worship; He saw a "den of thieves."

There were money changers, noise, and greed.

So Jesus overturned the tables. Why? Because the temple was designed to be a house of prayer—first!!!

Many times Jesus has to overturn the "tables" in our hearts before He can fill us with His presence.

He deals with (pride, unforgiveness, ego and sin....so that the Holy Spirit has a clean place to reside.

When you put God first, you are not just checking a religious box; you are unlocking supernatural alignment.

In Mark 4:35.. you will find in the story the disciples were scared....they are screaming, "We are going to die!" The natural situation was chaotic, it was violent, and it was scary.

But Jesus didn't scream back at the disciples. He was resting in the boat. But He stood up and spoke to the *spirit* of the storm.

The natural order shifted only *after* the climate was commanded into submission..

The wind didn't stop until the Spirit Spoke...then the sea became calm. That's the power of divine alignment.

You might be in a storm right now—a financial storm, a family storm. Stop trying to fight the wind and waves with natural strength. **It's not by might, it's not by power, but it's by my Spirit says the Lord...Zechariah 4:6**

Get in order and the natural situation will be forced to obey the voice of the Spirit.

It is time to stop demanding that God bless our disorder. It is time to let Him set things in order.

1. Repent of trying to do it your way. (Spiritual)
2. Seek His righteousness first.

When Jesus brings order to your spiritual life, your mind becomes sound...

Let me wrap this up... If your life feels like chaos, you are likely operating out of order. When God is first, everything else finds its rightful place. I'm not saying perfection, I'm saying peace in the midst of trouble.

When we are out of order, we operating out of fear, and frustration, we are frantically trying to get things in order.

The Promise of Divine Alignment

"...and all these things shall be added unto you."

Look at the promise! If we stop chasing things, and start chasing the Kingdom, God promises to bring the things to us.

When your life is in order, blessings flow to you. You don't have to strive when you are in line with the Shepherd.

- When your Spirit, Mind and Body is under the Spirit of God.

That is divine order! **If you feel like your "OUT OF ORDER" sign is blinking, it's time to stop, repent, and realign.**

As I close, I want to challenge you. Don't let your "to-do list" take the place of your "to-be-list. I'm to be with God first...

Come to this altar today and say, "Lord, I've had my life in the wrong order. I've been trying to fix things myself. Today, I align my life with Your Word."

Prayer: Father, we thank You that You are a God of divine order. Forgive us for running ahead, for prioritizing our desires over Your Kingdom. We ask for the Holy Spirit to bring correction to our thoughts and actions. We bring our chaotic situations to You, knowing that You are the God of peace. Order our steps, Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.