

ORGANIZATION
Character Tour 7 of 8
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Intro:

- * When I say organization what comes into your mind?
- Some say, "Yes that is how to live- organized, compartmentalized, order... yes!"
- Some say, "Oh no, I like to fly by the seat of my pants, that's the way I am wired."

Today Moses... had a bout with organization.

- * Maybe you are facing some tough times with this subject- you just can't get it together.
You feel like your life is in disarray- your **house** is a wreck, **office** is a mess, (**garage**) etc.
- * We all get a little messy, BUT our God is a God of ORDER!
Our God is not CAPRICIOUS, not CHAOTIC, He is together...
- * The CREATION screams of His organization.

A. When God talked to Moses on Mt. Sinai- He didn't give him some RANDOM SUGGESTIONS.

B. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray in Matthew 6
- **Did Jesus say, "Just say whatever comes to your mind..."**

Moses dealt with ORGANIZATION FRUSTRATION...

* **Remember "organization"- "is a decision based on a process".**

Today we will see a four word process of order & organization:

1. Realize- (Moses realized he needed some serious help) (We need help)

Ex. 18:13-16 "What & Why" (asks Jethro)

- A. **(18:13-14)** Good question to ask ourselves- What & why are you doing _____?
 - 1. What are you doing in your relationships (marriage, family, children, career?)
- B. **(18:15-16)** Moses logic was that was the way it always had been- **God sent ME**
 - 1. We do the same thing - **we get out of our AREA of GIFTEDNESS & EFFECTIVENESS**
- Then we start to hydroplane.

Note: Moses was dealing with two organizational INTRUDERS that we all deal with...

- a. **MINUTE MUGGERS** (1440 min. each day)
- b. **PRIORITY PROWLERS** (don't have to pray about your priorities... in the bible...)
- Clearly revealed #1 God; #2 Spouse; #3 Children... then others

Note: What was Moses priority?

To lead, cast the vision, point person but so messed up with the Muggers & Prowlers that he missed what God wanted him to do.

- * Realize- wake up and realizes you need help.

2. CRITICIZE - (yourself) Open up to others input - constructive criticism (earn the right)

- A. (18:17-19a) Last time I checked death stats are astounding- 1 for 1 (one blood clot, away)
 - 1. We all have an appointment with death- one of two places.
God will do a TIME AUDIT- give an account (Imagine yourself there?)

Note: We need to criticize ourselves & open ourselves up to others.

But when we do we want hang out with those that will "good" on us.

3. MINIMIZE - (1st we realize, then criticize- then minimize our tasks) (18:19-23)

- A. What are you NOT doing today that you were doing a year ago?
 - 1. What you are NOT doing is as important as what you are doing

NOTE: Great difference makers are great ELIMINATORS- we must be constant eliminators.

2. What are you NOT doing in your marriage that you were- & tell me why what you are not doing is affective?
3. In your job? What you are not doing is making you effective?

NOTE: We have to learn to say NO to more things. (not the best things Church, bible study, etc)

(18:19-21)What can ONLY you do that put the ball through the hoop for your business, family, children? How have you gotten freer to serve the Lord?

(18:22-23)

Principle: the less you do the more you accomplish. (Less is more) (Delegate)

4. ACTUALIZE - our priorities **18:24 the most IMPORTANT stuff** (we hit the Sweet Spot)

Conclusion:

A. KNOW YOUR NON-NEGOTIABLES- your priorities are you NON-NEGOTIABLES. (in the bible)

1. **Mt 6:33** "Seek the Kingdom of God first..."

- a. Whenever you make a choice - relationally, vocationally, spiritually, filter it through the Word. (I am seeking God first- purpose driven)

B. KNOW YOUR RHYTHMS - (what yours?)

1. Are you at your best in the morning? Do the hardest stuff then

- a. When you weak do the lesser things...

1 Cor. 14:40 "Let **all** things be done decently and in order." (**a military term, by rank, order**)

- * Why do we have so much disorder? Why is our world out of control?
- Sin is the problem & we have bought into the lie it is all about the STUFF.

C. KNOW SPONTANEITY & CREATIVITY EMERGES FROM ORGANIZATION -

Now that's the process to have organization...

- * **REALIZE * CRITICIZE * MINIMIZE * ACTUALIZE...**

KNOW your non-negotiables; KNOW your rhythms; KNOW SPOTANEITY

BUT I left a MAJOR point out of the message!

"Organization"= is a decision followed by a PROCESS."

- * **The process** is a pipe-dream if you haven't made THE DECISION ---
No way to have order until - you ENTER INTO "ORDER"- the salvation plan.

You have to make the DECISION to trust Christ as your Saviour!