

Decency is the order of the Kingdom

Many people are not aware of exactly what happens when believers enter into the Kingdom of heaven as newly confessed believers. We undergo a tremendous change in mind and attitude but we also have entered into an important change of governmental structure that will impact us forever if we let it. The new structure is called Kingdom living and it defines our values, views, goals, friendships, family life, financial health and even the way in which we worship and serve the King of the Kingdom. Because we serve a Lord, who has always reigned, in heaven and on the earth, as a master of order, it is a Kingdom requirement that the people of faith operate under the principles set forth by our King, Jesus Christ. His word says in **1st Corinthians 14:40: "Let all things be done decently and in ORDER."** This text is not a prohibitive scripture that says "thou shalt not" or that seeks to hinder any freedoms in the church.

Many people don't like order and planning because it is believed that walking in the spirit is somehow connected to disorder, spontaneity and lack of planning. Not following directions and simply destroying protocol has been mixed up as Godly and has been showcased as the way the Holy Spirit really desires to operate. The truth is that our God is trying to show us the way to please Him and disorder is not the way. Planning is. To walk decently before God is not to neglect the disciplines and laws in the church. The church is a school and has rules and best practices established over 2000 years ago. When a person is walking contrary to the rules of decency and is trying to establish a new order based on their feelings then they are disobedient and walking in the ways of the anti- Christ. Decency does not encourage factions, despise faithful ministers and does not act unseemly. When we speak in tongues without an interpreter or carry ourselves as boisterous, loud and uncontrollable, especially with unbelievers and babes present, we are not walking in decency but a similitude of insanity which is far from the kingdom mindset (**1st Corinthians 14:23 says: "If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?"**). Paul even states that Lack of decency is rooted in selfishness, defiance and confusion (**1st Corinthians 14:33: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints"**). These are people who are moved by emotion and not Kingdom principles. These are the saints who believe the church is for them and not for all of us. They don't care if you understand them or even receive their so- called "message" from God. These are simply pseudo-Christian entertainers who like to perform a loud show of feigned godliness without any of the markings of true spiritual birth which is the fruit of the spirit (**2nd Timothy 3:5 : "Having a FORM OF GODLINESS, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away"**).

Our God is a master of design and planning who exhibited a well thought out operation in His creation design. He set aside certain days for each place of creation and nothing was done on the fly but was planned and ordered before the foundation of the world. The world was dark and void and when the Spirit of the Lord moved, He brought order to chaos and light to where darkness formerly reigned. The way of the church should be as far from the ways of the world as The Spirit of the light is from the spirit of darkness. There is fun and excitement in the house of God but do not expect a rave or an all night jam session. Many who have left the clubs and dance parties are looking for churches that mimic the old life. Don't come to church to switch parties. ***Stop looking for God in your party and look for the ways of God and you will find His Kingdom, his church and your purpose.***