# ACCORDING TO DUE ORDER

I Chrn. 15:12-15

### 1. THE NATURE OF OUR MINISTRY FOR REMAINING WEEKS.

- 1. The nature of the ministry is to instruct, exhort, correct, rebuke.
- 2. Would like to think that the remaining weeks would be one joyous celebration of praise with little instructions or corrections.
- 3. But, I promised you the Word of the Lord.
- 4. I don't take lightly my responsibility to speak the Word of the Lord.
- 5. My desire is to leave with you something of significance that will bring meaning to our ministry with you.
- 6. That includes instructions or reaffirmation of that which has been already given and established.
- 7. PLEASE hear what I have to say.

### 2. THE DESIRE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF GOD.

- 1. Why are God's blessings withheld?
- 2. What is the opposite of blessings? Lack of blessings or even a curse.
- 3. According to due order.
  - 1. In our personal lives.
  - 2. Family.
  - 3. Church.

#### 3. GOD'S ORDER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

- 1. Order of the family.
- 2. How we relate to others.
- 3. Order of worship.
- 4. Governmental order had to do with a nation--a government of a kingdom.
  - 1. God's present expression of government is in the realm of the local church.
  - 2. The local church is a present-day expression of the kingdom of God.

#### 4. MANY PURPOSES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.

- 1. Place of corporate worship vs. individual worship.
- 2. Place of teaching vs. private teaching or study.
- 3. Exposure to the 5-fold ministry.
- 4. The channel of expression of the government of God.
  - 1. Submission to God's authority vs. rebellion.
  - 2. Every man did that which is right in his own eyes.
  - 3. We too can hear the voice of God.
  - 4. Who made you a ruler over us?
  - 5. I Ki. 13:18 "I too am a prophet of God."

## 5. GOD'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS A THEOCRACY.

- 1. A theocracy is a rule by God.
- 2. God rules through his delegated authorities.
- 3. God's method is not majority rules.
- 4. Ministry of Old Testament.
  - 1. Prophet.
  - 2. Priest.
  - 3. King.
- 5. Ministry of New Testament.
  - 1. Apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher.

## 6. SO, WHAT IS GOD'S ORDER?

- 1. Personally.
  - 1. Submit to the rule of God.
  - 2. Allow Jesus to be the Lord over your life.
- 2. In the family.
  - 1. The recognized headship.
  - 2. Equality and who has the last word.
  - 3. Majority rule?
- 3. In the church.
  - 1. The recognized head--Jesus.
  - 2. The headship ministry.
  - 3. Can not be multi-heads.
  - 4. Equality? Relationship of father, mother, and children.

# 7. BEAUTIFUL PARALLEL BETWEEN CHURCH AND MARRIAGE.

- 1. Father ministry--man is the head under God (pastor).
- 2. Mother ministry elders; primary responsibility to children.
- 3. Children ministry the congregation.

# 8. MAN'S ALTERNATIVE TO GOD'S PLAN IS "GIVE US A KING."

- 9. LET'S GET OUR HOUSE IN ORDER.
  - 1. Blessings personally.
  - 2. Blessing in household.
  - 3. Blessings in New Covenant Church.