Divine Order!
(Spirit of Confusion)
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Last Message: Divine Order (Governed By Love)

We are not to pursue spiritual gifts, but we are to pursue Love, (HIM)!

1Cor. 14:1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

This is the difference between Jesus and the religious leaders of His day! Jesus functioned out of the Spirit of the Law – which was/is LOVE! The religious leaders ruled by the Letter of the Law – which kills!!!!!

1 Cor. 13:8 Love Never Fail.

1Co 14:26 What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two-- or at the most three-- should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. 28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God.

29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. 30 And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. 31 For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. 32 The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. 33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

1Co 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Glory follows Order!
When the Order is right, the Glory will fall!

Unless a ministry is built in the order in which God demands - it may experience a measure of Glory, but it will not be able to sustain Glory.

Notice God did not fill the temple with His Glory while it was being built but the moment the last thing was put in place and God saw they had built according to His Blueprint – His Glory fell!

2Ch 5:13 The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, 14 and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

Many churches are filling their buildings with people, but they are void of God’s Presence!

The reason God is not filling many of the churches with His Glory is because they are not building according to His Order – but according to Man’s Order! Thus many ministries are filled with Man’s Glory instead of God’s Glory!

Riches are not in Crowds but in Glory!

Rochester First Assembly’s Core Values: Excellence, Integrity, Family, Worship/Prayer, Servanthood, Outreach/Missions
**Finances follow His Glory!**

*Hag 2:6* "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens, the earth, the sea and the dry land. 7 I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. 8 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. 9 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

94% of voters said most important issue was the economy!

If you build your financial life according to His order – you will experience His Glory in your finances and riches follow Glory.

The reason numerous illegitimate ministries can strip countless immature Christians of their money is because they do not understand order!

Physical Life:

Family Life:

Marriage:

**Business:**

**Confusion is a tactic of warfare!**

Ex. 23:27 "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run.

Deut. 7:23 But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed.

The normal Christian life is one of increasing light and clarity because the normal Christian life is one of growing in truth.

Prov. 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. 19 But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

2Cor. 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

We are not called to live in confusion, but to walk in a light that not only makes our own path clearer, but also reveals a light to those walking in darkness.

*Isa 60:1* Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Understanding brings light,
and light casts out darkness and confusion!

Prov. 4:1 Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. 2 I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. 3 When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, 4 he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. 5 Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. 9 She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor." … 18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Confusion will cause us to hesitate.

If not conquered, Confusion will grow into strongholds of fear, depression and hopelessness.

A spirit of confusion will prevent us from walking in faith!

The enemy will cast a spirit of confusion on important areas of your life which God is trying to work on. We then tend to avoid those areas of confusion and focus our energy and attention of other areas that we understand.

Ill. You understand your job clearly but often experience confusion in your marriage – thus you become a workaholic and begin to avoid your spouse.

Areas of confusion could be signpost marking those things you need to contend for in the faith!

Prov. 4: 7 … Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Doors of Confusion:

1. Compromise:

99% obedience is 100% disobedience!

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Confusion is a wage of sin!

Deut. 28:20 The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.

Satan’s strategy has always been to first question God’s clear commands and then to question God’s intentions behind those commands.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Satan dwells in darkness and must first cloud our vision (understanding) and then darken it.

Just like Adam and Eve, after we compromise and SIN, we try to hide - then we try to shift the blame or make excuses! This only opens the door to confusion and adds to our confusion.

The ONLY Way out of confusion is repentance! God does not forgive excuses, He forgives sin!

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The enemy creates confusion by erasing boundaries and removing distinctions!

Prov. 22:2 Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers.

2Th 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Take the distinction between men and women. The Lord made men and women different so that they would compliment and need each other – not so that they would be constantly in conflict. We become whole as we appreciate each other and are joined and made complete as one in holy matrimony!

Another area of distinction that is being blurred is in the area of different religions. Many want to claim that “we all worship and serve the same god.” – NOT TRUE!!!!