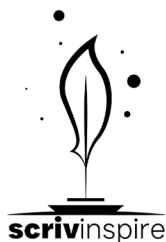


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for What Matters Most

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To those who feel overwhelmed by all the chaos and clutter, Hope is here.

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introduction

How to Use the Uncluttered Devotional

Welcome to *Uncluttered!* Our prayer is that this four-week devotional will inspire you, both spiritually and practically, in your mission to unclutter and shape your life for what matters most.

Whether you aim to declutter your spaces, streamline your schedule, or clear your mind, each devotional provides snippets of encouragement to help you achieve success and understand God's view on various organizing principles.

The subsequent prayers are simply a starting point for you. Spending time in prayer throughout this process will enable you to grow even closer to God and to hear the voice of God's Spirit guiding you along the way.

The sections titled "Now, Unclutter It!" are hands-on and/or reflective challenges that can help you apply the ideas highlighted within the devotional. While you may be tempted to skip these activities, we highly suggest you try them out and see how they can impact your efforts. Of course, we know some of them will take longer to complete than others, but don't feel like you must do everything all at once.

You may choose to work through all the material in 28 days straight, spend one day on the devotional and one day on the application, or give yourself a week (or more) to complete each day.

Introduction

Just like with organizing, there is no one-size-fits-all as to how you approach the material. You do you!

Finally, there's a reflections page for you to jot down your thoughts about that day's topic or to complete the Unclutter It! activities.

It's our hope that *Uncluttered* will be a useful and constant resource on your organizing journey. We're confident that these devotions will not only help you bring order to your life but will also allow you to see the connection between faith and organized living. God wants that for you and so do we.

Here's to becoming uncluttered together!



day 1

The God of Order

“For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace.”
1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)

How well do you know God? Who do you say that He is?

From Sunday School lessons to powerful sermons at church, you’ve probably heard descriptions of who God is—God the Creator, the Great I Am, the Lord Who Provides, and the Lord Who Sees. We’re also told in Scripture that His character is loving, merciful, and kind, among other things.

But have you ever stopped to consider God as a God of Order?

To be honest, I hadn’t. Until I reread Genesis 1:2, “Now the earth was formless and void ...” According to the original text, the terms formless and void were meant to convey the idea of confusion and disorder. God took that chaos and set the universe in order. From there, everything He did in Scripture (and still does today) is done in an organized manner. That’s His character. His nature. That’s who He is.

And He wants us, His children, to be a reflection of that order too.

As God’s image-bearers (Genesis 1:27), we were created to resemble, or be a representative of, Him on the earth. The world should be able to see the characteristics of God through us and our

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everyday actions. This includes the way we manage and organize our homes, our time, and other aspects of our lives.

Tall orders, right? Take heart. As we learn to be patient and wise, we can grow in our ability to be organized as well.

And though we will never be able to perfectly emulate God's nature in full, understanding who He is and what He longs for us to be can help us work toward becoming better reflections of His character to a world that desperately needs to see Him.

God, the God of Order. Just as He establishes order in the heights of heaven (Job 25:2), let's do our part to reflect His nature and that majesty here on earth.

Liana

prayer

Day 1

Father God, I praise You for who You are,
a God of Order.
You create order in the heavens above and the earth below.
Help me to reflect Your organized nature,
so that others might see and
know You.



God's orderly attributes

Have you ever stopped and thought about God and the way in which He operates in an organized fashion? While you may have read the Bible numerous times, His organized ways may not have been on your radar. But for us to be His image-bearers, we need to see for ourselves exactly how God functions!

Look up the following verses and record how God displays order/orderly principles:

- Genesis 1:1-31
- Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 33:11, Ephesians 2:10
- Genesis 2:19
- Genesis 6:14-22, Exodus 25-30

Can you think of any other passages of Scripture that show God's organized nature?



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reflection:

How are you more aware of who God is after looking up these verses?
How does it encourage your heart or spur you to action?

Reflections



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