

**The Divine Mandate for Believers to Do All Things Professionally & in an Organized Manner, 1 Cor 14:40;
Cosmic Believers Are Disordered, Jas 3:14-17**

1 Corinthians 14:40 - Let all things [πάς, pas] be done [present active imperative of γίνομαι, ginomai] properly [εὐσχημόνως, euschēmonōs] and in an orderly manner [τάξις, taxis].

38. This mandate refers to what God declares to be acceptable behavior on the part of His creatures. In so doing, He gives us a glimpse of divine modus operandi regarding all of His actions and what should be the guiding principles for ours.
39. The words, “all things,” is the neuter plural of *pas*, the same word used in Colossians 1:16-17 to identify the totality of our Lord’s creative acts in Genesis 1:1.
40. Consequently, we are to do all things in compliance with our Lord’s policies. Obviously we can’t be perfect but we can do what we do in a “proper and orderly manner.”
41. The verb of the sentence is “be done,” the present active imperative of *ginomai* which, when in the imperative mood, is a commandment for something to be fulfilled or to be performed.
42. What is to be fulfilled and performed relates to “all things” but the commandment further refers to how these things are to be fulfilled and performed.
43. The word “proper” is *euschēmonōs* and refers to behavior patterns that reflect favorably toward others. This is more than a mere matter of appearance as is emphasized by:

Romans 13:13 - Let us behave properly as in the day.

44. “Behave properly” is made up of the aorist active subjunctive of the verb *peripateō* plus the adverb *euschēmonōs*: “Let us walk honestly.”
45. The etymology of the adjectival form, εὐσχημῶν, euschēmōn is helpful:

Kittel, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, s.v. “εὐσχημῶν”:

Secular Greek uses the word from the time of Euripides. It has the literal meaning: “Of good external appearance,” and it is then applied to the whole external and internal conduct and attitude. This is how we are to understand Paul’s statement in: (2:770-71)

1 Thessalonians 4:12 - ... behave properly [περιπατέω, peripateō] plus εὐσχημόνως, euschēmonōs] toward outsiders [unbelievers] ...

46. Thus the word *euschēmonōs* may be defined as behavior that is with dignity and decorum; decent, proper, honorable, reputable, of high standing, and worthy of respect. The words that sum all these up are “integrity” and “professionalism.”

1 Corinthians 14:40 - Let all things be done professionally and in an orderly manner.

47. The words “orderly manner” translate the noun τάξις, taxis and means, “a fixed order;” or “an orderly manner, arrangement, or succession.” More detailed definitions are found in:

Thayer, Joseph H. *The New Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*. (Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers, 1981), 614:

A fixed succession observing a fixed time. The post, rank, or position which one holds in civil or other affairs; and since this position generally depends on one’s talents, experience, and resources, *taxis* becomes equivalent to *character* and *quality*.

48. The etymology of this word sheds light on its application to the Invisible War:

Liddell, Henry G. and Robert Scott. *A Greek-English Lexicon*. 9th ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1940), 1756:

τάξις, *taxís*. In the military sense: drawing up in rank and file; order or disposition of an army; battle array; a single rank or line of soldiers; post or place in the line of battle.

49. This verse is a mandate to get organized. The military use of the word *taxís* indicates that in order to serve the Lord we must consider ourselves soldiers in the Lord's army.

50. To serve honorably, we must learn from Scripture His will and purpose for our lives and then endeavor to comply in an organized manner.

51. As we do, we are to be motivated by personal integrity and present ourselves in society as people of honor.

52. In such a fashion we are to strive to emulate the perfection of our Lord who is the Creator of all things.

1 Corinthians 14:40 - [CTL] Let all things be done professionally and in an organized manner!

53. James has a passage that also addresses the problem of disorder. He informs us that it is the result of creature rebellion against divine policies. The application can be not only to human sin and failure but also that of Lucifer and the fallen angels:

James 3:14 - If you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

v. 15 - This wisdom is not that which comes down from above but is earthly, natural, demonic.

v. 16 - For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist there is disorder [**ἀκαταστασία, *akatastasia***] and every evil thing.

54. James's warning is directed to the local church. Those who have inordinate ambition, smoldering embers of bitterness, and unchecked arrogance will eventually cause disorder in the local body which will result in "every evil thing."

55. Wisdom from above in the form of Bible doctrine resident in the souls of believers provides discernment to identify such individuals.

56. Maintenance of order in the church requires loyalty to divine mandates while executing the royal law toward those who disrupt or sow discord among the brethren.

57. Therefore, we learn from these several verses that God is a God of order based upon his absolute integrity and immutable standards of righteousness. Further, it is impossible for the Lord to deviate from this position:

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

58. Here James speaks of the Lord's immutability and perfection. And these two attributes demand that anything He creates must be perfect.

59. Adam and Ishah were created perfect, but by violating divine policy they each failed and acquired as a result a sinful nature which has been passed down genetically to the entire human race.

60. Perfection has been restored through the imputation of divine righteousness at salvation, thus creating a grace pipeline whereby divine justice can impute logistics, blessings, discipline, and rewards.
61. Most believers today have no capacity for blessings and where there is no capacity then arrogance fills the void and any assumed blessings are of the pseudo variety provided by the devil's world.