**HEART TO HEART**/A word of hope and encouragement by Mennie Morrison

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**“GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER” (PART I)**

Greetings to you in the wonderful and powerful name of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God. I trust that your summer is going well, as it is summer in our part of the country, here on the East Coast. This month, we are starting a new Heart To Heart devotional entitled “**Get Your House in Order.**” Wow, what a title, so as with most of my teachings, there is a little back-story of how I received the title. As I was walking and praying the morning of June 7th 2022 around 9:30am at my place of employment (The BGEA), I heard this strongly in my spirit: “**Get Your House in Order**”. I kept sensing these words and hearing them as I prayed. I immediately felt Holy Spirit might want to speak more to me along these lines and possibly give me a teaching. So, I wrote these words, that I believe to be a clarion call of God “**Get Your House In Order**” down on paper, preparing myself to see if Holy Spirit would speak more.

Sure enough, Holy Spirit has spoken more thus, we have this teaching. I believe this question is for all mankind. For those that don’t know Jesus, to first and foremost receive Him as Lord and Savior. That is the first step in what I believe the Lord is saying in (**Get Your House In Order**). This call to us today is a spiritual one and not necessarily natural, even though it will contain some natural components.

Receiving Jesus is easy, I like to say, that it is as easy as **A B C**. **A** - Acknowledge that you are a Sinner; Acknowledge your need of a Savior. **B** - Believe that Jesus our Savior died on the cross to save you from sin.  Turn and Repent of your sin. **C** - Confess Him as Lord and Savior by Receiving Him into Your Heart by Faith. If you would like to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior and take the first step in **Getting Your House** in Order, Please pray the prayer listed below and mean it from your heart, and you will be born again. ​

Let's Pray:

*Dear Lord Jesus, I Acknowledge that I am a Sinner in need of a Savior.  I Believe that You are my Savior because you died for me on the Cross and I want to confess my sin and turn from them.  I now Confess You as my Lord and Savior.  Thank you Lord Jesus, for forgiving me and cleansing me from Sin.  I am now a born again, Child of God and I will follow you and trust you.  In Jesus Name, Amen!!*

As I mentioned earlier, being born again is the very first step to **Getting Your House In Order**, from a spiritual standpoint. Now for those of us that already know Jesus as Savior and Lord, this call will look different for all of us. So, we need to examine our own lives and seek the wisdom of God about what this calling is saying to you personally about **Getting Your House In Order**.

As I pondered on these words that I heard Holy Spirit say to me, I immediately thought about what God spoke to Hezekiah from the prophet in **Isaiah** in the book of **2 Kings.**  Let’s read that now, **2 Kings 20:1 (KJV)** *In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.* To give a little context of this chapter, King Hezekiah was deathly ill and the Prophet Isaiah was sent to him by the Lord to let him know to **set his house in order,** for he was going to die.

King Hezekiah knew God, and turned his face to God and asked Him to remember him for his godly lifestyle, and he wept bitterly before the Lord. God in His mercy and grace sent Isaiah back to Hezekiah with this message, that He had heard him and will grant him 15 more years to live.

Now with this scripture in mind, I don’t think that is necessarily what God is saying to us today, that we are getting ready to die a natural death but, I sense that it is more of a preparation and clarion call of God for us to prepare ourselves in whatever area we need to **get in order**. However, the Lord may be calling us to die to our carnal nature. What I sense is that God is calling us to begin to take inventory of our lives and make ourselves ready for Him and His Return. As I mentioned earlier, that will look different for all of us depending, on what God is speaking specifically to your heart to **get in order**.

For some, it may mean getting your **houses in order** spiritually by seeking God more in prayer and His Word. For others, it could be finances and for some it may be family life, relationships, etc. Whatever it is that God is speaking to you to **get in order**, let’s take Heed to God and Obey His Voice.

Let’s look at a definition of the word **Order** and a few synonyms as well to help us better understand what the Lord may be saying to us in **Getting our House in Order**. The word **Order** can mean a few things, but let’s look at these, as I think it is more in line with what Holy Spirit may be speaking to us. (1) a state in which everything is in its correct or appropriate place. Now here are some synonyms for us to look at as we examine what it is that God is speaking to us: [arrangement](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=37cd24ae516043aeJmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTM4NQ&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772cd282-02d4-11ed-8ff0-8deff593a92f&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZSthcnJhbmdlbWVudCZGT1JNPURDVFJRWQ&ntb=1), [organization](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=3212b3b704b7f0a7JmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTM4Ng&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772cd4f9-02d4-11ed-88d9-12ee2f5063fa&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZStvcmdhbml6YXRpb24mRk9STT1EQ1RSUVk&ntb=1), [tidiness](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=666dd48f3c8e80f0JmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTQwNg&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772d00b6-02d4-11ed-ac22-4a94160e25d8&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZSt0aWRpbmVzcyZGT1JNPURDVFJRWQ&ntb=1), [neatness](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=65d5201c45055dbfJmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTQwNw&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772d030a-02d4-11ed-8607-940892067ea0&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZStuZWF0bmVzcyZGT1JNPURDVFJRWQ&ntb=1), [orderliness](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=e58bebf34c4a37d2JmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTQwOA&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772d060d-02d4-11ed-960b-8772a2674dfa&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZStvcmRlcmxpbmVzcyZGT1JNPURDVFJRWQ&ntb=1), [trimness](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=f421c5263f58110aJmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTQwOQ&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772d0869-02d4-11ed-8389-566a04f41e8a&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZSt0cmltbmVzcyZGT1JNPURDVFJRWQ&ntb=1), [harmony](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=c65c90bc6486e816JmltdHM9MTY1NzczNDcwNyZpZ3VpZD1hZTY1YTU3MC1iNWRmLTQ1ZDItOGUyMi0xNjJjYmNjZjY5OWUmaW5zaWQ9NTQxMA&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=772d0b27-02d4-11ed-9091-d9f8007c3119&u=a1L3NlYXJjaD9xPWRlZmluZStoYXJtb255JkZPUk09RENUUlFZ&ntb=1), peace, control, quietness, peacefulness, tranquility, serenity. Wow, that is a line-up of words as it relates to us **Getting our House** in order, spiritually, materially, physically, mentally/emotionally, academically, etc.

If the Lord is speaking to you to set things in order spiritually, let’s look at some scripture references to encourage our heart. Perhaps, Holy Spirit is drawing us to Seek God more. **Isaiah 55:6 (AMPC)** *Seek, inquire for, and require the Lord while He may be found [claiming Him by necessity and by right]; call upon Him while He is near*. I believe this scripture can be used to call the saved and unsaved. For those that don’t know Jesus as personal Lord and Savior, you can come to know him as we’ve already shared in the first part of this teaching. For those of us that are saved and born again, we can and should continue to Seek the Lord daily and draw near to Him, and He will be found and always draw near to us.

Next we look at **Psalm 27:8** as we are heeding the voice of the Lord to **Get Our House In Order**. The scriptures that I am sharing here are in relations to spiritual things as it relates to **Getting Our House In Order**. Before we read verse **8 of Psalm 27**, here is a quick overview of this chapter:

The psalmist David, is expressing confidence and trust in God as He knew that He was his great deliverer from his enemies. Then in verse **8** David declares: (**AMPC**) *You have said, Seek My face [inquire for and require My presence as your vital need]. My heart says to You, Your face (Your presence), Lord, will I seek, inquire for, and require [of necessity and on the authority of Your Word].* Whether you are a new babe in Christ or a mature child of God, there is always room in our lives to Seek God more.

Here is another great scripture **Psalm 105:4** where we see David saying **(AMP)** Seek*and deeply long for the Lord and His strength [His power, His might]; Seek and deeply long for His face and His presence continually.* David was a worshiper and seeker of God, this is a great area to attain in our response to **Getting our House in Order.**

As we are looking in the Word of God at scriptures pertaining to seeking the Lord in our pursuit of **Getting Our House In Order**, let’s see what **Lamentations 3:22-25** says, but before we do, let’s look at a brief overview of this book. Most scholars believe that this book was written by the prophet Jeremiah. He was writing and making it clear that sin and rebellion were the causes of God’s wrath being poured out. The people of God even suffered Babylonian captivity.

Despite all that the Israelites experienced by the hand of God due to their sin, there was always a sense of Hope resting in the Almighty God, and they knew that His compassion would not fail them. Now let’s read these verses **(NLT):** ***22*** *The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.* ***23****Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.* ***24****I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”* ***25****The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.*

Perhaps you have allowed sin to rule and reign in your life as a believer, and you feel the call of God to **Get Your House in Order** by repenting and knowing that God’s compassion and mercy is available to you today, and they fail not. The Lord is Good, Dependable, and we can Search for Him, and He will be found.

Let’s look at one more scripture before closing this part of our teaching. **Matthew 6:33 (NLT**) ***33****Seek the Kingdom of God[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+6%3A33&version=NLT#fen-NLT-23292a)*] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need*. As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, we don’t have to seek the things that we need, but we should seek God and when we do, this scripture lets us know that the things we need and perhaps are seeking after will be added.

So as we again examine this call to **Get Our House in Order** and ask God what He is saying to us personally, let’s purpose to obey Him in all things. If it is seeking Him more and searching for Him, these scriptures are a great way to encourage our hearts. Next month we will pick up with part II of **Get Your House In Order** to see what else the Lord may be saying to us. Thanks for reading this month’s Devotional and remember, until next time, God has **Blessed You To Be A Blessing!**