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12 WAYS TO LOVE IN **RELATIONSHIP**

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GROWING IN LOVE

FOR FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Breaking rules

SPEED 35 LIMIT

Jim was rushing to the Saturday morning Bible study. He was running late. He got on Maple Street and headed west.

Meanwhile, John, an acquaintance who lived on Maple Street, needed to get materials for a weekend project. His driveway was on a curve, so the rule in his family was to always turn the car around so it's going forward when entering Maple Street.

Today though, John wanted to save time. He backed out onto Maple, stopped, and was shifting into forward when he saw a car coming up fast behind him.

It was Jim. He was going 50 MPH around the curve, posted at 35. Jim slammed on his brakes. His tires squealed. He stopped about 10 feet from John. Jim exhaled, then waved sheepishly at John. John shook his head slightly, gave a small wave back and took off.

What rules were broken here? What effect could this event have on a relationship between Jim and John?

How much do you know about . . .

ORDER

Select the best answer:

1. A brief working definition for order is: "_____, priorities, guidelines."
   a. health b. wealth c. structure
2. I Cor. 14:40 says, "Everything should be done in a fitting and _____ way."
   a. difficult b. silly c. orderly d. sloppy
3. Priorities are the "_____" of importance or precedence. a. prior order b. opposite c. antithesis d. enemies

Answers on other side.

ORDER

STRUCTURE, PRIORITIES, GUIDELINES

Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.
– I Corinthians 14:40

Order is arrangement of the parts of a whole. It includes observance of law and civil conduct, as well as priorities, guidelines and boundaries for relationships. When order is present, it helps fill the human need for *structure.*

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A PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for the order You have set for the Universe, and for the rules and guidelines you have set for life. Please help me to abide by Your precepts and honor Your priorities. Help me to live an orderly life that pleases You and is a blessing to others. In Your Name, Amen.

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FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Consider these verses . . .

Ps. 119:133

Prov. 15:32

Prov. 28:2

I Cor. 14:40

Consider these questions . . .

How is having an orderly life a way to love others?

Does order help a relationship grow? Why or why not?

What could you do to increase the order in your life and in your relationships?

What *will* you do?

Unless you have a strong, healthy routine, I doubt that you can live a successful life.
– Dave Thomas

Answers to quiz on side 1:
1. c 2. c 3. a

Next issue . . . **NURTURE**
- Care & feeding, loving support
- What does nurture really mean?

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