
THE ADVANTAGES OF STAYING AHEAD



There are many advantages of staying ahead in life. However, it also requires major effort. Discouragement, frustration, anxiety, worry, paranoia all come from the thought of running **BEHIND**. Whether you're behind on your bills, behind on your rent, etc, these negative emotions come from the thought of being behind.

Putting things in **ORDER** is key to staying ahead. Putting things and people where they belong is essential to staying ahead. It takes **INTENTIONAL AND**

TREMENDOUS effort to prioritize what needs to be done, what should be done and when it should be done. However, the rewards are worth it.

Our God is a God of order. A life of order is a life full of rewards.

1st Corinthians 14:33 says, "*God is not a God of confusion but a God of peace.*" NCV. **ORDER PRODUCES PEACE!**

REWARDS:

Here are some advantages of staying ahead.

1. **YOU'RE NOT COMPETING WITH THE CROWD:** When you are competing with the crowd you become influenced by their actions. However, when you are not competing you are influenced by God's voice.
2. **LESS STRESS:** Getting behind will always add more stress. The further you stay ahead in life the less stress you have to deal with.
3. **YOU CAN FOCUS ON THE MAIN THING:** When you are ahead in life you are not distracted with minor issues. You can center your focus on things that matter.
4. **YOU AVOID FEELING RUSHED:** People feel rushed when they see the need to catch up.
5. **GETTING TO YOUR DESTINATION SOONER:** When you are ahead you reduce the time it will take for you to get to your initial destination. People who walk make more progress than people who crawl. People who run make more progress than people who walk.

6. **YOU WON'T FEEL OVERWHELMED:** Feeling overwhelmed comes from having too much to do and not enough time to do it. Staying ahead prevents you from feeling like this.

It takes more effort to stay ahead than it does keeping up with everyone else. Staying ahead requires you to do twice as much and give double the effort on a consistent basis. People with vision understand this. If you are willing to sow the seed of **UNCOMMON EFFORT** you will reap the harvest of **EASE**.

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