



Mentor's Compass

Episode 7: Order and Priorities

- ✓ How would you characterize the order of your son's life? Specifically, how well does your son or mentee live material order? How does he manage his time? Is he prioritizing properly? How about his internal order? With regard to the last one, check out our videos on affirmation. What you affirm about your son will affect his internal sense of what is important.

- ✓ Time to hold up that mirror to yourself. How do *you* live order? In those moments when you are frustrated at your son or mentee for lacking order, are you ordered? In other words, are *you* running late when you are angry at the boy for not being ready? Are *you* overwhelmed with work or personal affairs when you are frustrated with your son for not being on top of his school work?

- ✓ What are *your* strategies for living order? Do you make lists and utilize priorities matrices?

- ✓ Have you spent any time with your son or mentee specifically and positively addressing order, rather than the general lack of it, or its manifestations within particular contexts? In other words, have you helped your son or mentee put a system together? If so, is he executing? If not, what type of system will work for the young man in your charge?

- ✓ What and where is your son or mentee's order headquarters? Does he have a corkboard? dry erase board? notebook or planner? If so, does he use it?

- ✓ What would it take to get your son to spend 15 minutes updating his priorities matrix or planner each night? It's so possible--what will it take to get your son there?

- ✓ If your son is updating his priorities matrix, could you encourage him to block schedule the next day? Once you are here, execute, execute, execute.

- ✓ Are you patient when your son or mentee fails to execute?
