

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

Let Jesus Reset 2025

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All through the month of January, emails, articles, and memes tout the "best" way to reset our homes, our lives, our files, and our stuff for a new year. But all the organization and decluttering hacks are meaningless if, in the depths of our hearts, things are out of order. Jesus came so that we might have abundant life and He will lead us faithfully, step by step to "set in order what is lacking" so that the inward order of our lives reflects His peace. Not only does He want to order our inner lives individually, but Jesus wants to set our own families, our communities, and our nation in order! He alone is able to do this in ways we can't even begin to imagine.

Luke, in the first chapter of his Gospel, was inspired "to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us..." The Greek word, for "set in order" – *anatassomai* is in the middle voice which means it is God working in and with us to arrange things in our lives and in His world in an orderly manner. We live in Him, and He orders our lives – a living example of *coinherence*, a theological term that describes the life of the Trinity and extends to our life in Him.

Luke 1:3 uses another word for order, *kathexes*, which means consecutive or chronological order. He was writing to make sure the story of the Gospel was laid out correctly, just as it happened. Jesus wants to work that way in our lives and our personal relationships.to set in order what is lacking at just the right time and in the right place\space,

In Titus and other parts of scripture, Jesus spells out how believers are to live in relationship with Him and each other in their personal lives, marriages, families, churches, and work, wherever we are. Titus 1:5 says, *"The reason I left you in Crete (insert your city of assignment) was that you might" set in order" what is lacking* ... *"* The Greek word used here, *epidiorthoo* means to straighten, to arrange, to make right, put in place. This verse is the only place in scripture that "*epidiorthoo*" is used to describe "setting in order," and it refers to the personal lives of the believers, their families, and church leaders. This <u>whole section</u> of Titus describes the life of a believer who lives a life set in order. We so often think of being a Titus woman in reference to teaching younger women, but being a Titus woman begins right here in Titus 1 as we allow Jesus to set our lives in order according to His will and His word.

Titus Women offers a small book called *My Heart, Christ's Home* that talks about what it might look like when Jesus walks through our heart's "home." Is your house in order so that He is welcome into any room? Is your home decorated with "the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit"? Or are the rooms filled with clutter you don't want Him to see, clutter that closes off whole areas of your life to Him? Or perhaps there are just a few boxes you don't want Him to open and sort through. Wherever you are in your "housekeeping, perhaps it is time to "reset" and let Jesus set in order what is lacking.

