

Love Life Ministry

Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love[©]



Quietness

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Quietness is more than silencing your voice. It is also silencing the thoughts of your mind and emotions of your heart. In quietness the still small voice of the Lord can be discerned. Why under those conditions? Sounds of the world are like the winds of a hurricane and roar of a tornado. Both are deafening. All you can discern from the world is the noise which is empty and unfulfilling. The world's voice is confusion, division, and violence, which steals your peace. It is like the riot in Ephesus that resulted because of Paul's teaching about Jesus being the true way to Almighty God. Ephesus was known for its temple of the goddess Diana. There were many silversmiths who made a living crafting silver shrines of Diana. When Demetrius, a silversmith, saw that Paul's teaching about Jesus could have a devastating impact on his ability to make a living, he called his fellow craftsmen together in an attempt to remove Paul and his teaching from the city. Paul's traveling companions Gaius and Aristarchus were seized by the mob and carried into the theater where for two hours the craftsmen and other people shouted "*Great is Diana of the Ephesians!*" Paul wanted to go into the theater to talk to the people, but his disciples would not allow it. *There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.* This was a time for Paul to be quiet. The city clerk quieted the crowd and after confirming that the Ephesians were the temple guardians of the great goddess Diana, persuaded the people to disperse, thus preventing charges of an unlawful and disorderly assembly being brought against them.

In the world today there are people who do not speak peace. Instead, they are against those who are quiet by devising words of deceit. I have experienced such action as President of the Homeowners Association Board of Directors for the subdivision in which I live. As a Board, we had fiscal responsibility for association assessments and expenses. A walking trail in the neighborhood incurred an annual expense for which without semipermanent repair there would be no end to the annual cost. The repair cost was budgeted as an operating expense. A few members of the association took vehement objection to the Board's decision and tried to force a membership vote on the budget. The By-Laws and Declaration of Covenant clearly show that members do not vote on the budget. The Board endured nine months of threats and harassment from those few members. Along the way, the Board pointed out the lies and half-truths. In the end, the trail was properly repaired and two years later it remains maintenance cost free. In such times it is best to wait quietly.

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for the Lord to bring an understanding of truth while continuing to work diligently. Truly, we are *to aspire to live quietly, to mind our own affairs, and to work with our hands as doing it unto the Lord and not to men*. Yet, there are times when one must stand for truth in the face of adversity.

In contrast, ABBA's voice brings peace and order even when He uses a nonbeliever. His voice is pregnant with wisdom, revelation, love, and direction. Quietness in ABBA's presence is a refuge and fortress that calms the storms of life.

How does one achieve quietness of voice, mind, and heart? The foundation of quietness is righteous efficacy, which brings peace. As righteousness is not obtained through the world, neither is peace obtained through worldly ways.

Perhaps it is your great desire to have the peace that comes from righteousness. The source of righteousness is Jesus. He alone gave His life blood so that every Believer can have right standing with ABBA. Jesus is the *Lord your God who is in your midst, a mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing*. Therefore, he who is prudent will keep silent in times of evil while seeking and loving good.

In evil times we, as Jesus did, should draw away to a quiet solitary place and pray remembering that nothing is impossible with God. In such a place you will find calm and quiet for your mind and heart. A place where you can be *renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness*.

Acts 19:23-41; Ecclesiastes 3:7; Psalm 35:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:11; Colossians 3:23; Isaiah 32:17; Zephaniah 3:17; Amos 5:13-15; Luke 5:16, 1:37; Psalm 131:2; Ephesians 4:23-24

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I reach across the miles and touch you with the healing power of God's love!

Shalom!!

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