1Thess #80

Living a quiet life is not about silently accepting everything around you.

Please keep Pastor Bob and Charolett in prayer.

We are back in 1Thessalonians chapter four and going forward over the next two weeks we are going to cover some Biblical principles that may bring some folk’s discomfort.

We will be looking at lazy attitudes, the Christian work ethic, minding our own business and misinterpreting scripture along with a few other subjects.

I will state this now and throughout the next two or three weeks of teaching – none of what we study is a blanket statement design to make people feel guilty. Many people have legitimate medical issues and personality quirks or past problems that have placed them in unique circumstances.

Remain objective in the New Nature not subjective in the OSN!

I put another reminder out there that all my raw notes go up on PRB Ministry Face Book page. But I warn people that you need to listen to the message along with reading the notes.

Doing only one or the other may only give you 90% of the full message and that last ten percent may lead you to misinterpret something I was teaching.

1Thes 4:4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

[1Th 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/5/s_1115005) not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

[1Th 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/6/s_1115006) *and* that no one violate the rights and take advantage of his brother *or sister* in the matter, because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you previously and solemnly warned *you.*

These scriptures led us into studying Experiential Sanctification as well as the Royal Family Honor Code in recent weeks.

[1Th 4:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/7/s_1115007) For God has not called us for impurity, but in sanctification.

[1Th 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/8/s_1115008) Therefore, the one who rejects *this* is not rejecting man, but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

When a person rejects accurate bible teaching they are not rejecting the man they are rejecting the message - which is what really counts, the message.

That means you rejected GOD!

[1Th 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/9/s_1115009) Now as to the love of the brothers *and* sisters, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

[1Th 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/10/s_1115010) for indeed you practice it toward all the brothers *and sister* who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers *and sisters,* to excel *even* more,

The key to a Christian gaining spiritual ground is they know how to apply and live in virtue love.

It is a skill of using proper thoughts, motivated and built upon BD that become your norms and standards.

That in turn will turn into your viewpoint and problem-solving skills.

/[1Th 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/11/s_1115011) and to **make it your ambition** to **lead a quiet life** and **attend to your own *business***and **work with your hands**, just **as we instructed** you,\

[1Th 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/12/s_1115012) so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

This verse is important to rip apart because the Apostle Paul is now coming to the point of reprimanding certain Bels, while teaching the others what happened is unacceptable.

The word we use today…aspire, has the connotation of ambition and is translated that way in several versions of the Bible.

/[1Th 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/11/s_1115011) and to *make it your ambition*

*Philotimeomai,* to study with intent or honor, passion for a trade or laboring toward a final goal or completed product. Ambition and or a motivation that is driven toward achievement. \

FILL-OT-TO-MAY-OMY, points to a strong desire to do something, to study it and work toward that goal. It meant a form of integrity and honor in how you approach something.

The use of the word – Quiet, has the thought of peace, calm, rest and satisfaction.

/1Thes 4:11 - *to lead a quiet life*

*Hēsychazō,* refrain from work activity or to become silent in spirit and verbal activities. Calmness away from busy or congested activities. Restful and at ease.\

HES-OH-HODZO, this has a spiritual and physical connotation to it depending upon how it is used.

This word is used in two or three different circumstances and its important to understand that.

There are a handful of Greek words for silence or settling down to listen that all have greater meaning.

/Act 22:2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect, they became *even* **more quiet;** (*hēsychia*)and he said,

To cease from making noise or being busy, a silence that means attention to one area or goal. To settle down and focus. \

HISS-OH-HE-AH, means whatever you were doing to keep busy - you now stop and listen, you then study with a singular focus.

It comes from a word that also meant peace in the sense of having focus.

If you do not have calmness and peace of mind and environment you can’t focus.

Look what happened when the Apostle Paul had to deal with a hostile crowd;

/Act 21:40 When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, motioned to the people with his hand; and when **there was a great silence** (*sigē)*, he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, saying,

To have a hush or silence blanket the whole area. Complete silence.\

SEE-GAY, is the strongest term for silence – not a peep, you can hear a pin drop - as we would say today!

Every Bel needs to understand these basic concepts of peace and quiet.

/1Cor 14:34 the women are **to keep silent**(*sigaō*) in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

To purposely hold peace or engage in silence and calmness from a place of respect or awe of authority and circumstances.\

SEE-GATO, means to become calm, silent or peaceful for the purpose of protocol or extenuating circumstances.

Many people misinterpret this as that woman can never speak in a church setting and it has more to do with a chain of command such as in the military, it is respecting the authority.

Woman do not have a gift for pastor-teacher yet they can be involved in aspects of leadership behind the scenes, so of course they can talk.

All of these meanings of silence and keeping calm and focused have great meaning for our current study.

/1Thes 4:11 – “*Study to be quiet”* means that you make it a point of honor to be quiet. To be quiet means to be peaceable, to mind your own business. Do not become a distraction for others. Nor do you distract yourself when you need to be focused.\

Every Bel should fully grasp the concepts of silence and inner peace in relation to respect for authority. Toward respect for others and having a life that is less chaotic and calmer for focus and spiritual growth’s sake. REPEAT

/1Thes 4:11 - *“to work with your own hands”* — to do your own business, referring to career or industry. Also the Apostle Paul was pointing out - to focus on your own affairs and conducting your own business or your own life. There were two areas of problems in Thessalonica – distractions from sexual immorality in that culture and distractions from lazy, uneducated Bels.\

By uneducated Bels, I am talking about Bels applying false doctrines or taking accurate teaching and twisting it to fit their own agenda.

The quiet life or organized, boring life contradicts the hugely successful modern attraction to entertainment and excitement we have today.

/This addiction to entertainment and excitement is damaging both spiritually and culturally. The culture of quick fixes and excitement or entertainment are like a religion for many people today. This religion is only beholden to the god of self. The religion of excitement and entertainment seduces people into living their lives for two things — the thrill of the moment & the satisfaction of ME! \

Celebrities, sports stars, theaters or concerts, media outlets and all the trimmings of Hollywood and entertainment are the modern day, false prophets.

The majority of it - incorporates aspects of satanic rituals, as well mental and spiritual intercourse with fallen angels and demonic spirits. The BAAL system of the OT has never truly disappeared!

It has morphed into something deeper and much less obvious, actually more wide spread today because it is so cleverly disguised.

REPEAT

/Bels need to learn to disengage from the cosmic trickery, the cosmic noises and enjoy aspects of the quiet life. We can then really take the time and give the attention to listen to God. When we have longer walks in the quiet life, we can listen to God and get to know Him better. God does not engage in conversations with our flesh, conversation that are drowned out by sin, evil, chaos and busy lifestyles that never can focus on HIM.\

The first place a person learns to have calm, peace and focus is within the family unit. It is the same place God ordained BD to be taught – by the family, head of household to say it more specifically.

The Bel parent is to learn accurate Bible teaching and pass it on inside the family unit.

/Prov 1:8 **Listen, my son**, to your father’s instruction, And **do not ignore** your  
mother’s teaching;

Exo 20:12 “**Honor your father and your mother,** so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the LORD your God gives you.\

Unfortunately, in the devil’s world, divorce and broken families as well as abuse and drug addiction, are running rampant destroying that which GOD created for stability.

The art of learning how to be calm and peaceful and how to remain silent comes with spiritual growth.

God does not want you to change who HE created you to be. That includes the talkative person or the playful, out-going person. HE does expect us to grow up and learn how and when to apply calmness, peace and silence in our life.

REPEAT

Many Bels misinterpret scriptures and they believe GOD wants them to make drastic personality changes – that is simply not the truth.

Legalistic people get involved in that nonsense.

/Ecc 3:7 A time to tear apart and a time to sew together; **A time to be silent and a time to speak**.

Pro 17:27 One who **withholds his words** has knowledge, And one who  
**has a cool spirit** is a person of understanding. 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, **is considered wise**; When he **closes his lips**, he is considered prudent. \

Cool is the Hebrew adjective – *qar, (CARE),* it means a calmness or a person who can control his or her tongue even in a difficult circumstance.

/Jas 1:19 You know *this,* my beloved brothers *and sisters.* Now everyone must be **quick to hear, slow to speak**, and slow to anger;

Be open and listen with a calm focus – do not be quick to speak and bring forth your opinion, especially when you haven’t allowed the doctrine to formulate your proper opinion. \

This is why, even at a Bible Conference, I ask that questions be written down and I’m at least given some time to really study the question.

I like to have some time to read the scriptures before I just throw an answer out to someone who is seeking truth.

/True study and understanding takes a calm assurance and peaceful approach so as to fully digest and LISTEN intently to everything. Then the Bel should always want God the HS to guide them. None of this happens when our life is chaotic or unorganized. Having dedicated longer periods of quiet time within our daily life serves a greater purpose on our spiritual path. It brings forth a calmness of spirit and mind that assists knowledge to flow uninterrupted.\

Honestly the best prayers I have are early in the morning with my first cup of coffee when I am sitting by myself waking up. Its very calm and quiet.

Either that or just when I lay down in bed at night before I fall asleep.

When my mind and body is completely relaxed.

/The Bel who understands and applies the discipline of silence and peace in larger portions of their life, also is contagious for others in their periphery. They bring a calmness and relaxed mental attitude to others as well as self. Anxiety, stress or even depression often come from a chaotic life, lack of rest, little, or no faith in GOD as well as allowing the Cosmic System to infiltrate your soul. \

There are a smaller portion of those who suffer with things like anxiety or depression, that may have a chemical imbalance or even childhood trauma to blame – yet they are in the minority not the majority as the world promotes.

America is the most over diagnosed and over medicated society in the world! Yet we are considered the wealthiest and most blessed out of all other countries.

80% of all pharmaceutical products are consumed by Americans – that is a world-wide statistical fact!

The client nation unto GOD – the last nation under the hand of God – America, is the most influenced by *pharmakia* the witchcraft of Satan’s system.