

# Stand Still and Be Quiet

James 1:19 - “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath”

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- It is human nature to act on an impulse and to speak on a whim
- Impulsive Peter
  - “Let us build three tabernacles”
  - “You will never wash my feet; wash my head and hands”
  - Cutting off Malchus’ ear; denying Jesus
  - Eating with Gentiles; refusing to eat with them

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- We speak before we think and protest before we have the facts
  - “Remember not only to say the right thing at the right time and place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” (Benjamin Franklin)
  - “There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves.” (Albert Guinon)

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- Psalm 131:1-2 - “LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.”

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- The man who stands still and is quiet will learn what is best for him
  - 1Sam. 15:16 - “Then Samuel said to Saul, Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night. And he said to him, Speak on.”
  - Num. 9:8 - “And Moses said to them, Stand still, that I may hear what the LORD will command concerning you”
  - 1Sam. 9:27 - “As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Tell the servant to go on ahead of us. And he went on. But you stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God.”

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- 1Sam. 12:7 - “Now therefore, stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did to you and your fathers”
- 2Peter 1:12 - “For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.”
- Job 37:14 - “Listen to this, O Job; Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.”

# The Wise Man Knows That Quietness Is Good For Him

- Quietness and righteousness go hand in hand
  - Isa. 32:17 - “The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.”

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- A quiet life is a good life
  - Prov. 17:1 - “Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.”
  - Ecc. 4:6 - “Better a handful with quietness Than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind.”



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- Christians must work to maintain a quiet life
  - 1Thes. 4:11 - “That you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you”
  - 2Thes. 3:12 - “Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.”

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- Christians should pray for a quiet life
  - 1Tim. 2:1-4 - “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

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- Christians should fight the impulse to speak and act in haste
  - Psalm 4:4 - “Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.” (Eph. 4:26)
  - Acts 19:23-41

# The Wise Man Who Is Quiet Will See God In Action

- Lam. 3:26 - “It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD.”
- Ex. 14:13 - “And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.”
- 2Chron. 20:17 - “You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.”

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- Psalm. 37:7 - “Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.”
- Psalm 46:10 - “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”