

B. The _____ to Christ-Like Speaking

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7
There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven...
a **time to be silent** and a **time to speak**...

Key Point:
Times of Powerful Speaking Often Flow Out Of
Times of Prayerful Silence

CONCLUSION

Zechariah 2:13 (The Message)
Quiet, everyone! Shh! Silence before God. Something's afoot in his
holy house. He's on the move!

HEAVENLY DISCIPLINES OF THE OPEN HEART
SILENCE & SPEAKING
Embracing the Times to Be Silent
and the Times to Speak
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INTRODUCTION

I. THE HEAVENLY DISCIPLINE OF....SILENCE

A. The _____ for Silence

In Your Bible:
Psalm 131
(Page 615 in the Pew Bible)

B. The _____ of Silence

Isaiah 53:5-7

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet **he did not open his mouth**; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is **silent** so **he did not open his mouth**.

Luke 5:16

Jesus often **withdrew to lonely places** where he prayed.

C. The _____ of Silence

- + HEAR from God More Clearly
1 Kings 19:11-12
- + WAIT upon God More Effectively
Lamentations 3:24-28
- +WORSHIP God More Directly
Habakkuk 2:20
- +KNOW God More Intimately
Psalms 46:10
- +PRAY to God More Powerfully
Luke 5:16

David Brainerd:

In the silences I make in the midst of the turmoil of life I have an appointment with God. From these silences I come forth with my spirit refreshed, and with a renewed sense of power. I hear a Voice in the silences, and become increasingly aware that it is the Voice of God.

D. The _____ for Silence

Prayerfully:

- 1) Take Advantage of the _____ that come into your day.
- 2) Find _____.
- 3) Decide in _____ to Be Silent.
- 4) Experiment with _____ Times of Silence.
- 5) Get More _____ with Silence.

II. THE HEAVENLY DISCIPLINE OF...SPEAKING

A. The _____ of What We Speak

Matthew 12:34-36

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death.