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Silence is a nearly extinct communication skill. **Silence is not avoidance**, but rather **being fully present without response**. Proverbs 17:28 ⇨ Even a fool, when he is silent, is counted wise, and he who shuts his lips is counted as a man of understanding. Proverbs 29:11 ⇨ A fool speaks all his mind; but a wise one keeps it in until afterwards. This is **tarrying**; it is hard work, resulting in unmatched power, *if* authentic *and* authenticated.*

God tarryes... remaining silent much more than we do. One reason is His waiting for us to mature, so as even to become able to ask Him the right questions in the first place. Our brainwashed “*information-based*” culture rarely considers the possibility that their entire premise may be faulty... or the further dangers of pursuing falsehood. Callousness does not care about error because: it is **deceived by** silence; specifically: **God’s silence**.

Isaiah 42:14 ⇨ God **has** kept quiet a long time; He has been still; but now He will scream like a woman in labor; He will inhale and destroy at once. Isaiah 65:6-7 ⇨ God will not **stay** silent, but surely will strongly recompense the measure of their former blaspheming of Him back to them. No one is excused from revering God ⇨ Romans 1:20. Revering God is a ‘*mess-your-pants*’ level of awe; we are “*undone*” ⇨ Isaiah 6:5.

Such reverence keeps our spiritual ears **hearing** God’s voice, the Holy Spirit. This is **how** we keep from being **deceived**: by **listening** to God’s silence for His intimate words

⇨ 1 Kings 19:11-12. *Information-based* people merely lust for God’s *presence*, and try to fabricate it quickly; they spiritually masturbate. *Relationship-based* people learn God’s ways by experience; they develop *intimacy* with God by investing time... wanting *Him*.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples (including us today) who will **tarry** with Him for at least a mere hour for *His* heart cry ⇨ Matthew 26:40. People who need ministering to is God’s heart cry and Jesus last command ⇨ Matthew 28:19-20. It is (*again stated*) hard work, resulting in unmatched power, *if* authentic *and* authenticated:

* ***if* authentic**: the *one* tarrying tarryes until completion; not until convenient or tiredness.

* ***and* authenticated**: the tarrying *itself* is prescribed by God Himself; not by ourselves.

Without this full relational view, we can be **deceived** by an incomplete quick view of **God’s silence**. We can pervert God’s silence into **approval of sin** if we have no growing intimacy with the Holy Spirit or with the Bible to teach us right from wrong. We can get **angry at God’s silence for Him not answering our prayer request the way we want**. Such challenges authenticate us: they reveal whether we want God’s will or our own will.

If God did not give us this choice to love or hate Him, then **He** would not experience the wonderful blessing of being **chosen** to be loved... the very same precious gift that He first gave to us! ⇨ 1 John 4:19. Not having a free will would have reduced us to mere automatons like plants and animals. If we choose to live animal-like, we sin and prove we reject God’s love and good plan for our life ⇨ Psalm 49:10; Jeremiah 10:8; Jude 1:19.

Matthew 7:17-23 ⇨ reveals people **deceived by God’s silence** that imagine they are Christians, but in truth only own *information*. **Intimacy with God resolves deception!** ♥