

GOOD VIBES ONLY

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SILENCE IS GOLDEN. DUCT TAPE IS SILVER

Big Idea: Where wisdom is absent, the wise are present.

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 10:18-21	Proverbs 31:8-9	Psalms 141:3	Ecclesiastes 3:1-7	Mark 9:34
Proverbs 11:12	Exodus 14:14-15	2 Kings 7:9	Ecclesiastes 5:2-5	Luke 19:37-40
Proverbs 15:28	Psalms 30:11-12	Joshua 6:10-11	Job 11:2	Acts 18:9-11
Proverbs 17:28	Psalms 32:3	Esther 4:14	Job 13:5	1 Corinthians 1:20-25
Proverbs 18:6-8, 13, 21	Psalms 40:9	Jeremiah 4:19	Job 29:9-10, 21	James 1:19
Proverbs 21:3	Psalms 50:21	Amos 5:12-13	Matthew 12:36	Revelation 8:1

1. How easy is it for you to discern between when it is right to speak out and wise to remain silent? What have you found helpful in making that decision?
2. Craig shared five reasons why we shouldn't keep silent. Which of these five is the easiest for you to **remain** silent on?
 - . When God should be praised (Psalms 30:11-12; Luke 19:37-40).
 - . When sin is unconfessed (Psalms 32:3).
 - . When others suffer (Proverbs 31:8-9; Esther 4:14).
 - . When judgement is coming (Jeremiah 4:19).
 - . When there's good news to share (2 Kings 7:9; Psalms 40:9).
3. One reason why it is hard to 'hold our tongues' is because noise is everywhere. In what ways do you 'contribute to the noise' by getting sucked into it? Read Psalm 62:1-2, noting that 'rest' (NIV) is literally 'silence.' How easy is it for you to wait in silence?
4. Silence challenges us.
 - . When we are silent our patience is tested (Amos 5:12b-13; Isa. 53:7; Luke 23:9)
 - . When we are silent our sin is exposed (Ezekiel 16:63; Mark 9:34)
 - . When we are silent our faith is examined (Exodus 14:14; Joshua 6:10-11)
5. When there's good news to share (2 Kings 7:9; Psalms 40:9). Read Psalm 50:19-21. How do these verses suggest that God responds to us when we sin?
6. Have you ever experienced a season when God was silent? Read Joshua 6:10-11 and 2 Kings 2:3-5. How do these verses suggest we could view silence?
7. Sometimes we need to be silent because we have not earned the right to be heard. What simple decisions can you make every day this week to be motivated to be the good news in places where you can't yet share it?
8. Think about the people you see every day. Remembering that dreams are birthed through caring prayer, ask God to show you ways where your everyday life can reveal God's wisdom.