

Considerate Silence

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If you and a friend are talking
and a group of chums comes walking
in frivolity, gregariously loud ...

and you lose your friend's attention,
do you dare to mention
that you were there long before the crowd?

Or do you back away ... graciously,
and sweetly say, ... "I'll let you be.
If you'd prefer the fun ... I'll set you free.
Until the party's done, comes
considerate silence from me."

What do you do when someone
is engrossed in the television,
computer, newspaper, music, or a book ...

and you wish to utter something,
do you consider interrupting,
and start commanding "Stop, listen, & look!"?

Or do you back away ... courteously,
and discretely say, ... "I'll let you be.
You're busy now ... it's clear to see.
Until the wall is down, comes
considerate silence from me."

What if you go to your neighbor's home
and he or she is on the phone,
unaware you're knocking at the door ...

with your impatience increasing,
do you intrude insisting ceasing
every thing preventing listening to you more?

Or do you back away ... quietly,
and softly say, ... "I'll let you be.
I'll go back home ... you need privacy.
Until you're off the phone, comes
considerate silence from me."

In each of these conditions,
reverse the situations,
so *you're* the one absorbed in much ado.

And with all that does distract,
how do you react
when *God* is the One trying to talk to *you*?

Do you back away ... hastily,
and briskly say, ... "I'm much too busy.
Find me later Lord ... when I am free.
When time I can afford, come
communicate with me."

Perhaps it's not external.
The "noise" might be *internal*.
It's a stubborn *will* that shouts more
than it should.

With our lives so filled with noises ...
distracting devices and voices,
does *God demand* we listen
like He could?

Or does He back away ... respectfully,
and divinely say, ... "I'll let you be.
I don't love you *less*, though you've turned
from Me." Though He still speaks, we hear
Him less as we continue to further flee
... and wrongly consider the silence *He*.

Don't turn the Lord away ... but humbly,
and sincerely pray ... that He'll let you be
filled full with rejoicing ... and precious peace.

Say,
"I seek Your heavenly voice.
Thank You for loving so patiently.

I've quieted my noise ... Come,
consider it silence ... for Thee."