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When God gives quietness, who then can make trouble?

For the past several weeks, we've learned about the trying of our faith through trials, troubles, and the adversities of this life..

We've learned that our trials are appointed by God for our good, and for our sanctification, that we might grow and mature in our faith in Christ...

But tonight, child of God, I would like to bring you "another one of God's appointed places", it is the place of quietness, peace, and rest, which God will give to each of you.

Job 34:29: "When He (that is, God) giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" When God gives quietness, nothing and no one can make any trouble, to unsettle or disturb the quietness in your soul!

But how are we using the quietness that God gives us each day? Are we making good use of our "quiet time" to draw nearer to God than we were yesterday? Or are we not improving the time that God gives us?

As God sovereignly appoints trials to try and strengthen your faith in Him, God also GIFTS US with times of quietness and rest so that we may feed, nourish, and BUILD UP our faith which has been tried. 2 Peter 3:18

Just as we are called to respond by faith to the storms of life, we are also called to respond by faith on quiet days; "To Take Advantage of Those God Given Quiet and Peaceful Times"! 2 Samuel 7:1,18-22

God had given David a period of peace and rest from all his enemies; and he took advantage of that time to sit in the presence of God!

Trials and adversities always seem to come upon us suddenly, we don't know when they will come, but when they do come, you're in it.

This ought to provoke a spiritual urgency in each of us as children of God to MAKE GOOD USE of those precious periods of quietness that God gives us each day, TO STILL OURSELVES in His presence, to seek Him in His Word, and to pray, and to pour out our souls to Him.

Many, if not all of us are DO, DO, DOERS, we're busy, busy, busy; when we awake to a new day, our plan of attack is, we've got things to do, people to see, and places to go.

Herein lies the root cause of our problem... As soon as we wake up, we get busy, and we get to doing, and we end up losing that precious time to sit before the Lord!

Too often, God's business, and the business of our souls is cast aside for our business! I love the way David began his day. Psalm 5:1-3

Mark 1:35: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Let the Lord Jesus be your example of the morning being the best time for getting alone with God, in your solitary and

quiet place. Don't waste the quietness that God gives you to seek Him!

And then, be so careful of quiet times becoming idle times!

First, make the best use of your "quiet times" each day!

You'll not finish well unless you begin well! Don't get into the bad habit of waking up and immediately grabbing your smart phone, (when you do, you're immediately immersing yourself in the world) instead, wake up and immediately grab your Bible, and run and hide, and immerse yourself in the Word of God. I don't have time, you say! WAKE UP EARLIER! Your mornings should look nothing like the world's mornings!

Discipline yourself to USE your time wisely!

Ephesians 5:11-17, Romans 13:11-14

Make your first quiet morning moments, "moments of faith", commune with God, ask Him for fresh grace for the day for whatever He has planned for you.

"Give me for this day, Father, my daily portion of spiritual bread."

And then, you will go into your busy day spiritually fed, spiritually prepared, and with your affections set in heaven where they belong.

Isaiah 26:3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." That's where you need to begin your day, with your mind STAYED upon the LORD! If you don't start here, you will trouble yourself in your day.

Isaiah 32:17-18, Philippians 4:4-9, Colossians 3:15

Job 34:29: "When He (that is, God) giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?"

You won't enjoy quietness from God unless you enjoy quiet times with God!