

## For Our Information

Adelaide Laubach is recovering with good spirits from her surgery.

Vickie McNeas has been dealing with severe headaches.

John LaValla has a visit with the chemo doctor this Tuesday.

The Simpson family is vacationing in Florida this week. Betty Ragsdale is visiting in Jonesboro.

The Wright family has been visiting in Hot Springs the past few weeks.

**Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day**

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

from outside turmoil, while "peaceable" points to the tranquility that arises from within one who sees his proper place in the world and willingly fills it. We all need that!

(This is one of the "Word Studies" mentioned in our bulletin a few weeks ago. It also deals with a very important topic for our world today. Gaining an understanding of how this word is used in Scripture can be a help in all our relationships, not just in our homes or assemblies.

Paul's use of this word in 1Timothy 2 helps us see the need for quietness in our social and civil relationships as well as the tranquility we need in our hearts and minds. Notice Paul's instruction for gaining such peace, talking to God on behalf of others. It is hard to hold a grudge or think evil of someone when you are regularly taking time to ask God to help them. We need to pray for others so that we may have tranquility in our own life. DLH)

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# Seeking His Righteousness

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## "Quietness"

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Paul urged the Thessalonians to "aspire to lead a quiet life..." (1Thessalonians 4:12). The quietness of which he wrote was not a dull existence with speech only in hushed tones, but rather refers to a life characterized by minding one's own business, working with his own hands. The Greek word for "quiet" found here, "hesuchadzo," is a word that seems to imply a condition of submissiveness, acting in one's proper realm, not going outside the bounds of one's recognized position or role.

The noun and adjective forms of "hesuchadzo" appear in 1Timothy



*... I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.*

**1Timothy 2:1-2**



## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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**2:11-12.** *"Let a woman learn in silence with all subjection. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence."* It is notable that Paul uses a different word for silence here than that found in **1Corinthians 14:34**, *"Let your women keep silent [Greek, 'sigao'] in the churches..."* There he forbade a woman to become a speaker in the assembly, even though she may have had a spiritual gift. Her speaking is proscribed by revealed law.

The passage in **1Timothy 2**, however, emphasizes the woman's own recognition of her place in the scheme of things: She adorns herself in a manner that befits a woman professing godliness (**verses 9,10**); she sees that Adam was created before Eve, and that Eve was deceived (**13,14**); she knows that God has placed her in the role of childbearing (**15**). This leads to a quietness of obedient submission. It is not just a "silence" imposed upon the woman at the assembly, it is the "quietness" of spirit described by Peter in **1Peter 3:3,4**: *"Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God."*

The difference between these two words for silence seems to be well-illustrated in Luke's account of Paul's arrest in Jerusalem after his third journey. A violent mob was shouting, *"Away with him!"* as Paul asked the commander to allow him to speak to the people. There was *"great silence"* after Paul motioned

## Store In My Heart

### John 8:23-24

And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Jesus told these Jews they would die in their sins because they are of the world and would not believe He was from God.

Truly we will die sinners if we do not believe Jesus is the very Son of God. To believe this we need to rise above our worldly thoughts and set our minds on what God has delivered through His inspired writers to guide us.

Make sure you also consider the full context of these verses each week. Be diligent in your study of God's Word!

with his hand. (**Acts 21:40**). This is from the Greek "sige," the noun form of the word found in **1Corinthians 14:34**. The people were quiet because of Paul's nonverbal request, but Luke tells us that *"they kept all the more silent"* upon hearing the apostle speak in the Hebrew language. (**Acts 22:2**). Here Luke changes to the other word, "hesuchia," apparently because the quietness this time grew out of greater respect for Paul when they heard that he spoke the revered language of their forefathers.

Luke applied this word to himself and those with him in **Acts 21:14**. On the approach to Jerusalem, Paul was being warned of the trouble that awaited him there. His travelling companions and the brethren at Caesarea pleaded with him not to go, but Paul insisted that he would continue even in the face of death *"for the name of the Lord Jesus."* Luke wrote, *"So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased [Greek, 'hesuchadzo'], saying, 'The will of the Lord be done.'" Note that when they saw that their pleading was contrary to the Lord's will, Paul's friends knew that they were out of place, and they stopped, even though they did not actually become silent. A similar use is found in Acts 11:18, where we find that Jewish believers, having learned of God's signs indicating His acceptance of Gentiles into Christ, "became silent," even though the sentence goes on to say that they spoke something!*

This quietness of life is not a goal for women only. Our prayers should be toward the end that we all *"may lead a quiet and peaceable [hesuchios] life."* (**1Timothy 2:2**). Here, *"quiet"* refers to freedom