

## I Get More When I Quiet My Life



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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5,6*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Psalm 32:8*

*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9*

*Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48:17*

**Our life is too loud.**

*Not many people sell their souls to the devil, but many of us sell our souls to the culture. Instead of defining success for ourselves, we let the culture define it for us. Instead of daring to be different, we conform to the pattern of this world. Why? We let our culture have the loudest voice. Mark Batterson*

*1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. 1 Samuel 1:1-2*

*Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" 1 Samuel 1:8*

*In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard.*

*Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." 15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." 17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." 1 Samuel 1:10-17*

*So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." 1 Samuel 1:20*

**1) I get more when I quiet my life long enough to pray my most heartfelt prayer.**

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.<sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. Romans 8:26,27*

*And the Lord was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:21*

*The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.*

*2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel.*

*Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."*

*But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.*

*6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."*

*"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."*

*7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.*

*8 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."*

*Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

*10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"*

*Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:1-10*

*"Speak, for your servant is listening."*

*Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life. 1 Samuel 7:15*

*2) The more I quiet my life the more I can hear God's whisper*

*Prayer is the difference between the best we can do and the best God can do. But there is something even more important and powerful than talking to God. What is it? Listening to God. It turns a monologue into a dialogue, which is exactly what He wants. Mark Batterson*

*"The voice of the Spirit is as gentle as a zephyr. So gentle that unless you are living in perfect communion with God, you never hear it" Oswald Chambers*

*Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10*

Do you need to set up an appointment to be quiet with God this week?