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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

Be Still & Know

1Tim.2:1,2, *"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a **quiet** and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."* As I studied this I found something striking. While Paul urged Timothy to pray and intercede that all (*especially those in authority*) would lead a **quiet** life, he is not insisting that we never be talkative or loud.

The Greek word translated "quiet" (*Eremos*) occurs over 50 times in the New Testament. Only once is it rendered "quiet." One other singular rendering is found in Mk.1:35 NKJV. *"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a **solitary place**; and there He prayed."* This word is also used only once. Using this term, Paul is exhorting that all (*especially those in authority*) would be acquainted with solitude.

Of the remaining 49 usages of *Eremos*, all are translated *wilderness, desert* or a related term. **Mk.1:11 AMP** And there came a voice out from within heaven, You are My Beloved Son; in You I am well pleased. 12 Immediately the [Holy] Spirit [from within] drove Him out into the **wilderness (desert)** . **Mat 4:1 NKJV** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the **wilderness**...

To capture the truth of what 1Tim.2:1,2 is exhorting us to pray for and reach for, we must recognize the link between leading a "quiet" life and maintaining an ongoing connection to a wilderness, desert place of solitude.

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In Conclusion...

Mk.6:31 *And He said to them [Jesus to His disciples], "Come aside by yourselves to a **deserted place**... 32 So they departed to a **deserted place** in the boat by themselves.*

2 important thoughts we cannot overlook:
*"Therefore I exhort **first of all...**" & **especially those in authority.***
Selah.

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