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Withdrawing With God: All By Yourself

1. Through Instruction.
2. By Example.

The Discipline Of Solitude

The Seeking Out Of A Secluded Place Was A Consistent Practice With Jesus

Healthy Discipleship Calls Us To Solitude

Loneliness Is Inner Emptiness; Solitude Is Inner Fulfillment

Ecclesiastes 5:1 - *Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.* ESV

Matthew 17:1-5 - *Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. ² As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. ³ Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him."*

Silence Is Closely Related To Trust

Silence Brings Us To Believe That God Can Defend And Set Things Straight

Psalms 46:10 - *"Be still, and know that I am God!"*

- 1) Take Advantage Of The "Quiet Times" That Fill Your Day.
- 2) Find Or Develop A "Quiet Place" For Silence And Solitude.
- 3) Discipline Yourself To Speak Less, But With More Substance.

A Fruit Of Solitude Is Increased Sensitivity And Compassion For Others