

SERIES: THE POWER OF WORDS

The Power of Holy Silence

1 Peter 2:21-25

I. The Power of "Holding The Tongue" or "Guarding Our Words"

Proverbs 13:3 *"He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin."*

Proverbs 10:19 *"When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."*

Matthew 5:37 *"Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."*

II. The Example of The Lord Jesus When Facing Unjust and Hurtful Words.

A. He did not retaliate; he made no threats (vs. 21-23)

—> The Difference between an Unholy Silent Treatment and a Holy Silence

B. He entrusted himself to God who judges justly (vs. 23)

C. He suffered...and we follow in his steps

1 Peter 2:21 *"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps."*

D. A holy silence provides an environment that can lead to healing

1 Peter 2:24 *"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."*

—> For the Christ follower, victory is not through self-assertiveness, but through self-denial.