3 Things To Keep You Growing In God Wed 10/25/23

*1 Value of silence.*

Psalm 46:10 NKJV

10Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Matthew 6:5-8 NKJV

5“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

6But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place;* and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

7And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do.* For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

*2 Avoiding vain speaking (always talking about themselves).*

# Proverbs 16:18-20 NKJV

# 18Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. 19Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

# 20He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the Lord, happy *is* he.

# *Examples of pride going before destructions.*

# Daniel 4:30-33 NKJV

# 30The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?”

# 31While the word *was still* in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!

# 32And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.”

# 33That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ *feathers* and his nails like birds’ *claws.*

# James 4:10 NKJV

# 10Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

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# *3 Avoid foolish speaking.*

# Ephesians 5:4 NKJV

# 4neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

# Proverbs 10:19-21 NKJV

# 19In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips *is* wise. 20The tongue of the righteous *is* choice silver; The heart of the wicked *is worth* little. 21The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

# Psalm 34:12-13 NKJV

# 12Who *is* the man *who* desires life, And loves *many* days, that he may see good? 13Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.

# Proverbs 12:18 NKJV

# 18There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.