There are many reasons God may seem silent in our lives. Sometimes, it’s due to spiritual immaturity, disobedience, lack of faith, or even divine testing. But today, I want to focus on a profound and often overlooked reason one that can close the door to divine communication altogether:

Pretending Not to Know When You Actually Do.

This is a spiritually dangerous form of hypocrisy. It’s when someone knows the truth of God’s Word but chooses to ignore it or pretends ignorance while still seeking answers from God in prayer. This heart posture can cause God to withhold further revelation or communication.

Let’s explore this through Scripture.

The Question of Authority

Mark 11:27–33 (NIV)

> *27 They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was*

> *walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him.*
> *28 “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”*
> *29 Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.*
> *30 John’s baptism was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!”*
> *31 They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’*
> *32 But if we say, ‘Of human origin’…” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.)*
> *33 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”*
> *Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”*

Here, the religious leaders weren’t ignorant; they were evasive. They *knew* the truth but refused to acknowledge it out of fear and pride. As a result, Jesus refused to engage them further. This is a clear warning: when we suppress the truth we already know, God may choose not to reveal anything more.

Accountability to Known Truth

The Bible teaches that once we've received knowledge of the truth, we become responsible for responding to it with obedience. Ignoring it or pretending not to understand is a form of rebellion.

James 4:17 (NIV)

> *"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."*

God does not take lightly the rejection of known truth. In fact, continuing to seek divine direction while ignoring His already-revealed will can be dangerous it can lead to spiritual deception.

2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (NIV)

> *"...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*
> *For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie,*
> *and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the*

> *truth but have delighted in wickedness.”*

When we turn our ears away from God’s Word, we may inadvertently open ourselves to deception even from false visions, dreams, or spiritual impressions that *seem* divine but are not.

God’s Word Is Already Clear

Many seek answers through prayer and fasting over things that are already clearly addressed in Scripture. For example:

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NIV)

> *“Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?*
> *Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men, nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”*

There is no need to pray for “confirmation” that drunkenness, fornication, idolatry, or sexual immorality are sins they are already condemned in Scripture. Pretending uncertainty here is spiritual self-deception.

Hebrews 10:26 (NIV)

> *“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left.”*

God expects us to obey what we already know before He gives us more.

Your Body Is the Temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NIV)

> *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore*

> *honor God with your bodies.”*

This means living in purity not polluting your body through immorality, addictions, or defiant behaviors. To knowingly violate this truth and still expect God to speak is to mock His holiness.

The Word of God Is the Primary Voice of God

Many Christians chase dreams, prophecies, or feelings, hoping to “hear from God,” yet neglect the Bible God’s living and active Word.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

> *“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...”*

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)

> *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

If you’re not hearing God speak, go back to His written Word. He has already spoken.

Conclusion: Obedience Precedes Revelation

If you desire a deeper relationship with God and clearer direction from Him, start by obeying what He has already revealed. Don’t pretend ignorance when His Word is clear. Submit to His truth and live it out.

John 14:21 (NIV)

> *“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”*

May the Lord help us not to walk in hypocrisy or pride. Let us honor His Word, obey His commands, and live lives worthy of His calling.

Maranatha! (The Lord is coming soon.)

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