

MY HELPER #12  
THE SILENT WORK OF THE SPIRIT

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Pentecostal's don't know who to handle silence. Some think this is the time to give a message in tongues or prophecy. Just to sit and allow God to speak to us individually is to often foreign to us.

Silence is not evidence that nothing is happening! On the contrary much can be taking place.

Consider with me some silent works of the Spirit.  
The silent work of the Spirit may be...

**1. The manifestation of His presence is like DEW.**

Hosea 14<sup>5</sup> I will be like the dew to Israel;

When the atmosphere is right, when we are worshipping from our heart, like the dew, the invisible is made visible. Out of nowhere the Spirit is manifest among us.

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**2. The work of salvation is like MANNA.**

John 6<sup>47</sup> I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.<sup>49</sup> Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died.<sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die.<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." NIV

Manna appeared without noise in the night. It sustained Israel for 40 years. Jesus said, “I am like that bread if you feed on my word you will live forever.

### **3. Spiritual growth is like SEED.**

Luke 13<sup>19</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches.” NIV

Have you ever heard a tree grow? Yet in time a twig becomes a mighty oak. Strength is established over time. Its roots are deep in the ground. It is not easily moved.

So it is in the life of the believer. It takes time. But something is happening!

### **4. CONVICTION when the Word is heard.**

We never know when someone is convicted. It is a work you can't see. Only when change occurs is it evident that a person has been dealt with.

Ill. The accusers of the woman taken in adultery.

John 8<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.<sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

<sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” NIV

### **5. The voice of the Spirit can be “a still small voice”.**

1Ki 19<sup>11</sup>...Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord

was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

God can speak in a crowd, in a cave, on a mountain, or in your spirit. Nobody knows what is happening but you know because “my sheep know my voice.”

## **6. The BUILDING OF THE CHURCH of the church is taking place in silence.**

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There is a great work taking place in the world that they are oblivious to....it is the building of the church of Jesus Christ.

## **7. When the “GLORY” comes.**

When the temple is finished the glory comes.

2Chr. 5 Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, <sup>14</sup> and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God. NIV

There are no trumpets, no noise, just his overwhelming presence invades the premises.