

Friday, February 19, 2021

Psalm 15: 1 - 5 (New International Version)

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Richard Rohr, ***Silent Compassion*** on Finding God in the Depths of Silence

Silence, if you respond to a little bit of it, sort of hides. But if you remain open, then it reveals more...so be patient with silence. It gives a little, and then it gives more if you do not abuse the first little. It is like floating in water, once you stop fighting it, you float even better. Leave the silence open-ended. Do not try to settle the dust. Do not try to resolve the inner conflict. Do not seek a glib, quick answer, but leave all things for a while in the silent space. Do not rush to judgement This is what it really means that God alone is the judge. Inner silence frees you from the burden of thinking that your judgment is needed or important.