

*Stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard, but sit down to be appreciated*

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This is the advice a young girl was given by her grandfather in hopes that it would prepare her to live a life pleasing to God and favored by man. The principles from God's Word are simple and yet profound. We must take a stand so that others might clearly see our passion and our conviction in life. We must also speak up to be heard, especially by those who are in need of firm direction. Our voice can be a beacon of light to those in darkness and a source of encouragement to hurting souls.

We should stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard, but sit down to be appreciated. Both heaven and earth resist the prideful and the arrogant. Therefore, we should humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God so that we might be exalted only by Him in His good time.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, please give me courage to stand up when You direct me. Give me the words to make a difference and the wisdom, seasoned with humility, to be quiet at the right times. I want to be sensitive to the situations in which You have placed me that I might be Your vessel to bless others.

*Scripture for Today*

Proverbs 17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. (NKJV)