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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update
- **Today's topic: The Quiet Corner**

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house [BUSINESS] full of sacrifices with strife. --Proverbs 17:1

Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work [IN BUSINESS], and eat their own bread. --2 Thessalonians 3:12

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit [AT WORK], which is in the sight of God of great price. --1 Peter 3:4



One definition of quiet is “noiseless.” Here in Vernon, we’re on the fringe of what is commonly referred to as *The Quiet Corner*. Why? Compared with densely-populated and developed parts of the State, northeastern Connecticut is more pastoral and less noisy, resulting in a higher quality of life *if you value quietness!* This time of year, it’s even quieter as snow muffles the natural acoustics. Outdoor activities tend to drop off, the lawn mowers are silent, recreational aircraft are grounded, and people tend to live indoors.

Since I completed the changes at my business in October, my offices are quieter than ever. While it was quite an adjustment after decades of having many employees (and going down to two), after three months, I’m now getting used to the much quieter work environment and really enjoying it. My ability to concentrate and hear the voice of the Lord have increased. With fewer distractions, the creative juices seem to flow more freely.

The principle of **quietness at work** is not “one size fits all.” Quietness is something customized for each business owner and each business. So I ask, where is your Quiet Corner? How does “quietness” fit into your business model and culture? How can you deliberately create a work environment that encourages some degree or dimension of quietness? Let’s chat about it this morning, and see where the Lord takes us.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms having some quietness at work?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by proactively weaving “quietness” into work / business?										
What specific actions can you take to do that?										

- Next meeting on February 18; This Is My Story breakfast on March 4 with David Schmid
- Jacob’s Well in Rockville this Friday; Courageous Grandparenting in Manchester on Feb 20-21
- Other news
- Closing prayer