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WHAT ABOUT EXAMPLES?

- Not only are examples a valid form of communication but they are often the best form.
- Examples are instructive (Acts 10:28).
- We must discern what is and what isn't taught by an example (Jn. 13:15).
- Paul says his example is authoritative (Phil. 3:17; 4:9).
- Approved examples show how things CAN be done.



WHEN GOD IS SILENT

- This is one of the most controversial aspects of the question of God's authority.
- Jesus gives us a basic rule about silence that applies to communication in general (Jn. 5:19, 30).
- To act when God is silent is to “go beyond” what He has said (Deut. 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Josh. 1:6-7; 1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Jn. 9; Rev. 22:18-19).

