

When To Keep Silence - When To Speak

Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time? (Ecclesiastes 7:17)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. (Proverbs 10:19)

A fool's voice is known by multitude of words. (Ecclesiastes 5:3)

A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. (Proverbs 29:11)

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. (Proverbs 15:2)

A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? (Ecclesiastes 10:14)

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. (Proverbs 13:1)

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health. (Proverbs 12:18)

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. (Psalm 107:30)

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife. (Proverbs 17:1)

Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit. (Ecclesiastes 4:6)

The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. (Ecclesiastes 9:17)

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands,

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as we commanded you;

That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.
(1 Thesssalonians 4:11-12)

Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.
(2 Thesssalonians 3:12)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
(Proverbs 18:21)

For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.
(Job 15:5-6)

The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. (Psalm 52:2-4)

The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us? (Psalm 12:3-4)

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (James 3:8)

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
(Proverbs 8:6-9)

He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.
(Proverbs 18:13)

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20)

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A Biblical Code of Silence

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If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; (1 Peter 4:11)

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: (John 14:10)

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)

Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (Colossians 4:6)

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. (James 4:11)

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? (Matthew 5:47)

That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. (Proverbs 5:2)

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression. (Proverbs 19:11)

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love... (Ephesians 4:14-15)

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. (Proverbs 25:11)

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it! (Proverbs 15:23)

I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue... (Psalm 39:2-3)

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