

# **WHEN TO BE SILENT**

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1. Be silent In the heat of anger (Prov 14:17)
2. Be silent When you don't have all the facts (Prov 18:13)
3. Be silent When you haven't verified the story (Deut 17:6)
4. Be silent If your words will offend a weaker person (1Cor 8:11)
5. Be silent When it is time to listen (Prov 13:1)
6. Be silent When you are tempted to make light of holy things (Eccl 5:2)
7. Be silent When you are tempted to joke about sin (Prov 14:9)
8. Be silent If you would be ashamed of your words later (Prov 8:8)
9. Be silent If your words would convey the wrong impression (Prov 17:27)
10. Be silent if the issue is none of your business (Prov 14:10)
11. Be silent When you are tempted to tell an outright lie (Prov 4:24)
12. Be silent If your words will damage someone else's reputation (Prov 16:27)
13. Be silent If your words will damage a friendship (Prov 16:28)
14. Be silent When you are feeling critical (James 3:9)
15. Be silent If you can't say it without screaming it (Prov 25:28)
16. Be silent If your words will be a poor reflection of the Lord or your friends and family (1Pet 2:21-23)
17. Be silent If you may have to eat your words later (Prov 18:21)
18. Be silent If you have already said it more than one time (Prov 19:13)
19. Be silent When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person (Prov 24:24)
20. Be silent When you are supposed to be working instead (Prov 14:23)

**"WHOEVER GUARDS HIS MOUTH AND TONGUE KEEPS HIS SOUL FROM TROUBLES".  
(Prov 21:23)**

**"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD".  
(Ps 46:10)**