



Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Prov 18:21a)

Times We Should Hold Our Tongue



When we are _____

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing (Prov 12:18)

Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back (Prov 29:11 NLT)

One who withholds (*restrains*) his words has knowledge, and one who has a cool spirit is a person of understanding. Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent (Prov 17:27-28)



Before we have all the _____

One who gives an answer before he hears, it is foolishness and shame to him (Prov 18:13)

The first to plead his case seems right, until another comes and examines him (Prov 18:17)

Do you see a person who is hasty with his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him (Prov 29:20)



When our words would only start a _____

Avoiding strife is an honor for a person, but any fool will quarrel (Prov 20:3)

Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a contentious person to kindle strife (Prov 26:21)

For as churning cream produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife (Prov 30:33)

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no gossiper, quarreling quiets down (Prov 26:20)



When it's _____ of our business

Like one who takes a dog by the ears, so is one who passes by and meddles with strife not belonging to him (Prov 26:17)



When praising _____

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips (Prov 27:2)



When the joke could be _____

Like a maniac who shoots flaming arrows, arrows, and death, - So is a person who deceives his neighbor, and says, "Was I not joking?" (Prov 26:18-19)



When we're tempted to _____

A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his steps (Prov 29:5)



When we're simply talking _____

When there are many words, wrongdoing is unavoidable, but one who restrains his lips is wise (Prov 10:19)

Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent (Prov 17:28)

Times We SHOULD Speak



When we can bring _____

A soothing (*healing*) tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit (Prov 15:4)

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing (Prov 12:18)

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence (Prov 10:11)



When we can stop _____

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger

(Prov 15:1)



When we can gently _____

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge pleasant, but the mouth of fools spouts foolishness (Prov 15:2)



When we _____ for those in need

Open your mouth for the people who cannot speak, for the rights of all the unfortunate (Prov 31:8)



When we can _____ in love

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy (Prov 27:6)

One who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles (Prov 21:23)

An evil person is ensnared by the offense of his lips, but the righteous will escape from trouble (Prov 12:13)

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