

# WHEN TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

## DON'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH:

1. In the heat of anger – Proverbs 14:17.
2. When you don't have all of the facts – Proverbs 18:13
3. When you haven't verified the story – Deuteronomy 17:6
4. If your words will offend a weaker brother – 1 Corinthians 8:11
5. If your words will be a poor reflection of the Lord or of your friends and family. – Peter 2:22-23
6. When you are tempted to joke about sin – Proverbs 14:9
7. When you would be ashamed of your words later – Proverbs 8:8
8. When you are tempted to make light of holy things – Ecclesiastes 5:2
9. If your words would convey a wrong impression – Proverbs 17:27
10. If the issue is none of your business – Proverbs 14:10
11. When you are tempted to tell an outright lie – Proverbs 4:24
12. If your words will damage someone's reputation – Proverbs 16:27
13. If your words will destroy a friendship – Proverbs 25:28
14. When you are feeling critical – James 3:9
15. If you can't speak without yelling Proverbs 18:21
16. When it is time to listen – Proverbs 13:1
17. If you may have to eat your words later – Proverbs 18:21
18. If you have already more than one time (then it becomes nagging) – Proverbs 19:13
19. When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person – Proverbs 24:24
20. When you are supposed to be working instead – Proverbs 14:23

PROVERBS 21:23 “WHOSOEVER KEEPETH HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, KEEPETH HIS SOUL FROM TROUBLE”