TIME AND PURPOSE – BE SILENT

“...a time to keep silence,” (Eccl. 3:7) What a magnificent statement! One that all would do well to heed. Someone once said, “Silence is golden,” and how true that is. “We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less.” (Diogenes) What good advice!

Solomon said, “In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; But he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely.” (Prov. 10:19) An uninspired man has said, “Tis better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than open one’s mouth and remove all doubt.” (Dr Samuel Johnson) Silence is often underestimated.

You have noticed people that talk all the time. Generally it is just talk since not much of value it transmitted. Jesus said, “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” (Matt. 12:37) Therefore it is important that we watch the kind of words we use.

It is often difficult to keep silent, especially when something is being said that you know is wrong. Others do not always need to be corrected, this is especially true if what they are saying has no real consequences. But some find it hard to remain silent then.

What are some of the times it is good to be silent?

1. When what you have to say is not all that important.
2. When you are being accused of something you did not do.
3. When you are being criticized unjustly. Your reply may be wrong.
4. When you don’t know what the other is talking about.
5. When there is conversation going on that is not important.
6. When you are angry.

There are many others but you can think of them.

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