“…and a time to speak;” (Eccl. 3:7) one of the problems with speaking is that most people speak more than they think, supposedly. “I said it without thinking,” we hear a lot of times. NOT SO! Your mind tells you what to do and it is absolutely impossible for one to speak or do without thinking.

Now there are a lot of people who act and speak without thinking rationally. Perhaps that is what is meant when they say that, but that is not what they say.

First, it is always time to speak the truth. Not only true things but the truth of God's word. Many say that we have a “different interpretation.” The truth is not open to interpretation. If it is truth, that is it! There is no possibility of equivocation.

Second, we need to speak to condemn error. One of the problems in the church today is that fewer people are condemning things that are wrong. A lot of folks think error comes up and slaps you in the face. Couldn’t be more wrong! Error, the author of which is the devil, is slick, deceptive, often disguising itself as the truth. “…for we are not ignorant of his devices.” (2 Cor. 2:11)

Third, we should speak words of comfort and encouragement when needed. There are a lot of people that suffer the pangs and injuries of life and need support. As Christians, we need to be supportive of those situations.

Remember, words mean something, therefore use them carefully.