

PROVERBS 10:18-21

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips
and spreads slander is a fool.

Sin is not ended by multiplying words,
but the prudent hold their tongues.

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,
but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

The lips of the righteous nourish many,
but fools die for lack of sense.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1,7B

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
...a time to be silent and a time to speak.

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WE CAN'T KEEP SILENT WHEN...

1. God should be praised (Psalms 30:11-12; Luke 19:37-40)
2. Sin is unconfessed (Psalms 32:3)
3. Others suffer (Proverbs 31:8-9; Esther 4:14)
4. Judgement is coming (Jeremiah 4:19)
5. There's good news to share (2 Kings 7:9; Psalms 40:9)

ACTS 18:9-11

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

PROVERBS 17:27-28

The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint,
and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.

Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent,
and discerning if they hold their tongues

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Job 13:5 If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom.

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- Don't contribute to it
- Embrace the silence

Ecclesiastes 5:2-3 Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool

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- Our patience is tested (Amos 5:12b-13; Isa. 53:7; Luke 23:9)
- Our sin is exposed (Ezekiel 16:63; Mark 9:34)
- Our faith is examined (Exodus 14:14; Joshua 6:10-11)

In Scripture, silence signifies
that a person has experienced
or desires to experience the
overwhelming, overpowering,
and astounding presence of God.

(Revelation 8:1; Habakkuk 2:10; Ezekiel 16:63; Genesis 24:21)

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2. Silence is Challenging
3. Wisdom is Absent

1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-25

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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