



# SHOULD I SAY SOMETHING?

Standalone Sermon, Part 1 of 1

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Proverbs 26:4 (NLT), “Don’t answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are.”

Proverbs 24:5 (NLT), “Be sure to answer the foolish arguments of fools, or they will become wise in their own estimation.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,4,6-7 (NIV), There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, **a time to be silent and a time to speak.**”

## I. Does this seem like something I should probably just overlook?

Luke 17:3a (ESV), “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him...”

2 Samuel 16:7-8 (NIV), “As he cursed, Shimei said, “Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel! The Lord has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The Lord has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!”

2 Samuel 16:9-10 (NIV), “Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head.” But the king said, “What does this have to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the Lord said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who can ask, ‘Why do you do this?’”

Proverbs 12:16 (NIV), “Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult.”

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV), “A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.”

## II. Are my ducks in a row in this area of my own life?

Matthew 7:3-4 (NLT), “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of

that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

### **III. Does this seem to be one of those issues that calls for repeated warnings?**

Matthew 18:15-17 (ESV), "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Proverbs 24:11-12 (ESV), "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?"

Galatians 3:1-3a (NLT), "Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. 3 How foolish can you be?..."

### **IV. Is this person blatantly disregarding everything I'm saying?**

Matthew 7:6 (ESV), "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

### **V. Does this person claim to be a Christian?**

1 Corinthians 5:9-12 (NLT), "When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning."

### **VI. Can I pass the Galatians 6:1 test?**

Matthew 7:6 (ESV), “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness...”

James 1:19a (ESV), “Know this, my beloved brothers: **let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak...**”

James 1:5 (ESV), “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”