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Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

When do we boldly preach the Word and when do we wisely hide our beliefs?

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

This question isn't as difficult as one might imagine.

If the only thing to be gained from saying anything is to become a martyr, then keep silent. If one tries to become a martyr, he disqualifies himself.

If even one person can be truly informed by saying something, do not hesitate for a second to speak. Daniel 12:3 "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and as the stars for ever and ever."

Try to say things in as non-disruptive way as possible. Our intent should be to inform those chosen by God. Romans 10:14 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

We can not "turn someone to righteousness" if we startle him too much to even think about what we are saying.

It is much more helpful to say "Everyone knows that some people are good at math and others good at sports. Everyone also knows that skills like that run in the family. Any civilization which ignores the differences between genders and races is doomed to fail." Than it is to say "white people are smart and black people are stupid."

It is much more helpful to say "Moses clearly defines some sex acts as criminal. We can all agree on that. All we need to do is discuss which sex acts. Is a father having sex with his consenting 18 year old daughter OK? If that isn't ok with you, then you must agree that just because two people consent doesn't make the sex act OK." Than it is to say "I hate queers and faeries."

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