

Practical questions to ask before offering advice

Our default position should be to not say anything at all.

1. Where did I get my information and do I have all the information I need?

Just because we know something
doesn't mean we have to share it
speaking out of ignorance is foolish
the one who knows something and is silent is wise

Proverbs 12:23

2. Am I dealing with blatant sin, or an opinion?

Has the person actually sinned?
If they have sinned, a rebuke MAY be necessary

Luke 17:1-4

3. Is this my job?

What is my relationship to the person in question?
Do I have a responsibility to this person?
Am I accountable to them?
Are they accountable to me?
Will this person even listen to me?

1 Timothy 5:13

Proverbs 17:10

John 8:4-7

4. Am I qualified?

Why do I judge my brother?
Do I know that much more about this matter?
Am I an expert in this matter?

Romans 14:10

5. What is my motivation?

am I doing this out of my own desire?
do I even want to do this?

1 Corinthians 13:1

1 Corinthians 16:14