

10218 - Advising a person to his face

the question

What is the ruling on speaking directly to a person and telling him of his faults whilst he is listening? Is this permissible?

Detailed answer

This is permissible if it is done in order to advise the person and rebuke him so that he will be deterred from committing sin. It should be done in a nice and polite manner so that the advice will be accepted. But if it is done in a mean-spirited way, intending to shame him, insult him and expose him to people, etc., then this is not permitted.