

Keeping Your Vows Notes

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

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Main Point: Be on guard when you worship God by drawing near to revere Him.

Be _____ When You Go to Worship (vs. 1)

1. The word “guard” has the idea of “paying close attention and _____ carefully over.”
2. The word “steps” refers to our conduct or _____.
3. Literally we’re to “ponder the path of our feet.”
4. We’re called to be intentionally _____ when we come before an incredibly holy God.

Come to _____ (vs. 1)

1. God wants us to draw near in order to hear and _____ what He has to say.
2. The Hebrew meaning of “listen” carries with it the idea of _____.
3. We need to keep our ears open because listening is more important than what kind of sacrifices we give (Psalm 40:6).
4. _____ must be the focal point of worship, not self.
5. The Word of God must take _____, not the words of the worshiper.

Be _____ with Your Words (vs. 2-3)

1. When I remember that He is God and I am not, I’m much more _____ with my words (Job 40:4-5).
2. Jesus tells us to use an _____ of words when we pray (Matthew 6:7).
3. At its core, listening involves _____, which is why it’s so hard for some of us.

Be Careful with Your _____ (vs. 4-6)

1. A vow “is a solemn and serious _____ to God to perform, or to abstain from performing a certain thing.”
2. The earliest mention of a vow is found in Genesis 28:20-22.
3. While vow making is not commanded in Scripture, once a vow is made, it is _____ to keep it (Numbers 30:2, Deuteronomy 23:21).

Commit to Reverent _____ (vs. 7).

1. In order to listen better, talk less, and stop chasing our own dreams, we need to see God as big and mighty and _____ Him.
2. Fearing God is defined as “trembling _____” or “reverent obedience.”
3. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, born again believers can come with joyful _____ right into His presence (Hebrews 4:16).

Putting It into Practice.

1. Instead of coming to church to worship, come _____ to church.
2. _____ in your reverence of God (Exodus 20:20, Isaiah 1, 6, Malachi 1).
3. _____ the Holy Sexuality Conference.