



March 20, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 | "Watch Your Worship"

Sermon Application Review from Ecclesiastes 4:7-16

How did you practice contentment this past week (4:7-8)?
What two friends did you pursue (4:9-12)?
Who did you enlist as an apprentice or successor (4:13-16)?

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 5:1–7
Psalm 50:1–4
Proverbs 4:20–27
Deuteronomy 12:11; 23:21–23
Proverbs 10:19; 12:22; 13:3; 20:25
Matthew 5:33–37; 12:36–37; 21:28–30
Hebrews 12:28–29

Study Questions

1. How well do you listen (5:1)? In what context might you be at risk of being quick with your mouth and hasty in your heart before God? What spiritual practices do you find to be empty in your life? Which are most meaningful? What steps can you take to make the "empty" aspects of your relationship with God more meaningful?
2. How do you prepare yourself for worship on Saturday evening and early Sunday morning (5:2–3)? How can you improve your preparation for worshiping God? How can you help your friends, family, or community group prepare to worship God? What steps can you take to concentrate on glorifying God instead of concentrating on the worries and problems that often distract during worship?
3. Have you made any vows before the Lord recently (5:4–5)? What actions are you taking to fulfill your vow? How can you pray without attempting to manipulate God? In what kinds of situations do you usually bargain with God? How has that worked? What examples can you provide that demonstrate your verbal integrity?
4. Do you talk too much (5:6–7)? Would other people say that you talk too much? If so, what do you tend to talk about? Is all your talk necessary? How can you encourage another person not to talk too much? Why is it so important to be slow to speak? Meditate on James 1:19.
5. How do you practically demonstrate that you fear God (5:7)? How do you express your awe of Him? What attribute or characteristic are you particularly astounded by? How have you cultivated a healthy fear for God as you worship Him?

Recommended Reading

Robert Wenz, *Room for God: A Worship Challenge for a Church-Growth and Marketing Era* (Baker, 1994)
R. T. Kendall, *Worshipping God: Devoting Our Lives to His Glory* (Charisma House, 2017)
Ken Ramey, *Expository Listening: A Practical Handbook for Hearing and Doing God's Word* (Kress, 2010)
Jerry Bridges, *The Joy of Fearing God* (NavPress, 2004)