

SLOW TO SPEAK
Ecclesiastes 5:2-7

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. Words matter!
2. Proverbs 11:9; 12:18; 15:1; Ephesians 4:29
3. Proverbs 10:19; 29:20; James 3:1-2; Proverbs 17:27; 21:23
4. James 1:19

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLE: BE CAREFUL ABOUT SAYING ANYTHING

5:2-3

A. Cautious about what you sing

1. Psalm 33:3
2. Psalm 68:4
3. Psalm 96:2

B. Cautious about what you pray – Matthew 6:7-13

1. Matthew 5:44; 26:41
2. Ephesians 6:18

II. SPECIFIC APPLICATION: BE REALLY CAREFUL ABOUT PROMISES

5:4-7

A. Make them cautiously

B. Keep them faithfully

C. Keep them in a timely manner

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1. How did hearing the opening verses of this message affect your perspective of the importance of the words we say? What impact will this have on your conversations this week?
2. Why is reverence a vital, necessary element of true worship of God? How will genuine reverence be demonstrated in our singing and praying?
3. How can exercising carefulness in our singing and praying be an act of worship? What does such carefulness reveal about our understanding of God's worthiness and glory?
4. What promises have you made to the Lord in your lifetime? Have there been some that were not carefully thought through? What was the outcome?
5. Why is carefulness in making and keeping our promises to God so important? What does a lack of carefulness reveal about our attitude toward God?
6. Do you find it tempting to avoid singing, praying and making promises to God because of the need for caution? Why is this not a valid option?
7. God has made promises of great magnitude. Has the cost of keeping His promises ever kept Him from fulfilling them? How can we reflect the character of God in connection with our promises to Him?