

## ***Be Quiet and Fear God (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)***

### **I. Introduction: A family prepares for church on Sunday morning**

This text is written for all of us who attend church ...

This text emphasizes the importance of corporate worship

### **II. Guard your steps when going to the house of God (vs. 1)**

*The temple* and God's people today – **the church**

God's people tend to take *corporate worship* lightly

How do we *guard our steps*?

Prepare to **speak less** and **listen more**

Expect God to speak – prepare to hear from Him

Admit that God knows you better than you do

Meditate on the message afterward

Be an active listener (take notes)

Plan to hear the sermon in church (not a recording)

Purpose to be a joyful doer of the Word

### **III. Be careful of your words in corporate prayer (vss. 2-3)**

Do not unnecessarily multiply words (the Lord's Prayer)

Balance God's immanence (nearness) with His transcendence

### **IV. Be careful in making vows, and be sure to keep them (vss. 4-6)**

Keeping your word (promises to God and others) is serious!

Sincerely singing the words to the hymns and songs

### **V. A final warning and command to "Fear God" (vs. 7)**

A warning against self-exaltation through speaking about dreams

*Reverence for God* is the key to keeping all of the other imperatives

### **VI. Conclusion: How do you handle these nine commands?**