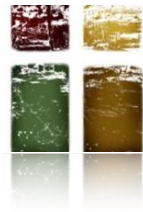


The Bible for you

Biblical, Authentic, Contextual, and Life-Changing.



Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Things People Say: "In the House"

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The Bible for Life Change

Making the connection between thinking and action

- ◆ Do you guard your steps when you come into the house of God? How do you prepare for Church on a Sunday? Are there disciplines you could put in place to help you focus on worshipping God?
- ◆ What steps can you take in your worship of God to make sure that you listen to him and are not rash with your mouth? Do you take the reminder in verse 2 that 'God is in heaven and you are on earth' seriously enough in prayer and in worship?
- ◆ Why is it that we are often so keen to make vows before God? Is this a way of making ourselves feel better in our relationships with God? How can you let your 'yes be yes' before God, not just before other people?

1

The Bible for one

Taking a closer look at your own walk with Jesus

Read 1 Peter 1:22-25. Peter argues that the basis of Christian service is love that flows from a pure heart. This love is only received by hearing the Word of God. How much of the Word of God is in your daily thought diet?

2

The Bible for two

To talk about with your spouse/partner

Read Colossians 3:12-14 together and list practical ways you can increase the demonstration of your love for your partner. How are these affected by the lack of respect towards God?

3

The Bible with your family

To talk about with your children

Proverbs 13:3 - "Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything.". List some ways of "opening your mouth" (link this to the sermon by thinking about making promises, speaking out of anger etc etc). "Long live" means "blessing" - what ways are we blessed if we watch what we say?