

Ecclesiastes Chapter 5 – Lesson 1

Questions & Answers

It was his first day on the job. He was a new clerk in the green goods department of a super market. A lady came up to him and said she wanted to buy half of a head of lettuce. He tried to dissuade her from that goal, but she persisted. Finally he said, "I'll have to go back and talk to the manager." He went to the rear of the store to talk to the manager, not noticing that the woman was walking right behind him. When he got into the back of the store, he said to the manager, "There's some crazy old bag out there who wants to buy half a head of lettuce. What should I tell her?" Seeing the horrified look on the face of the manager, he turned about and, seeing the woman, added, "And this nice lady wants to buy the other half of the head of lettuce. Will it be all right?" Considerably relieved, the manager said, "That would be fine." Later in the day, he congratulated the boy on his quick thinking. He then asked, "Where are you from, son?" The boy said, "I'm from Toronto, Canada, the home of beautiful hockey players and ugly women." The manager looked at him and said, "My wife is from Toronto." The boy said, "Oh, what team did she play for?"

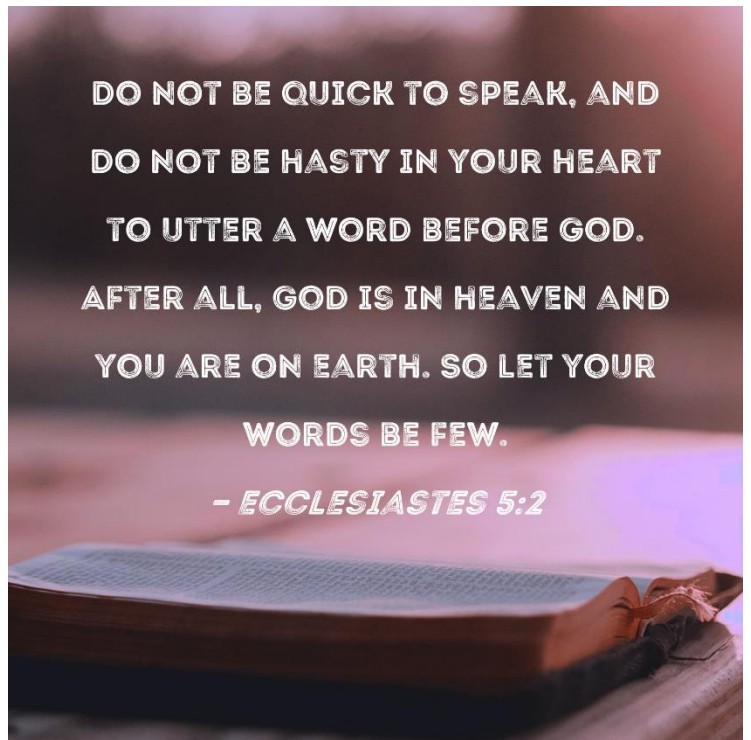
¹ Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and **draw near to** _____ rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. ² **Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily** before God. For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth; **Therefore let your** _____ **be few.** ³ For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice *is known* by *his* many words.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

hear words

DO NOT BE QUICK TO SPEAK, AND
DO NOT BE HASTY IN YOUR HEART
TO UTTER A WORD BEFORE GOD.
AFTER ALL, GOD IS IN HEAVEN AND
YOU ARE ON EARTH. SO LET YOUR
WORDS BE FEW.

- ECCLESIASTES 5:2





“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to _____, slow to speak, slow to wrath;²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and _____ with meekness the implanted _____, which is able to save your souls. James 1:19-25

hear receive word

²² But be doers of the _____, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a _____, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a _____ of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

word doer doer





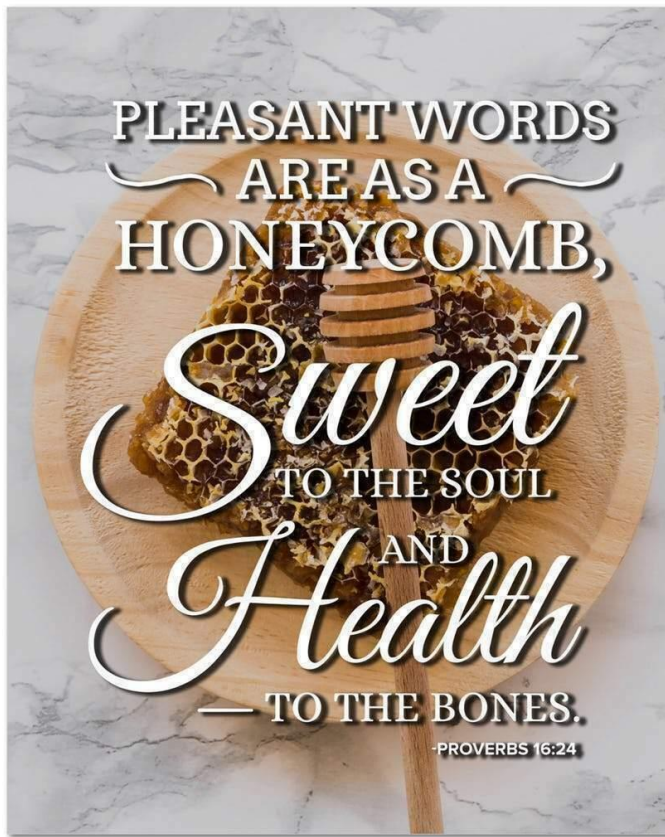
Clyde Beatty was a big game hunter who became famous as a lion tamer and animal trainer. He also owned his own show that later merged with the Cole Bros. Circus to form the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus, which is still in existence and bills itself as "The World's Largest Circus Under The Big Top."

Beatty became famous for his "fighting act", in which he entered the cage with wild animals with a whip and a pistol strapped to his side. The act was designed to showcase his courage and mastery of the wild beasts, which included [lions](#), [tigers](#), [pumas](#), and [hyenas](#), sometimes brought together all at once in a single cage in a potentially lethal combination.

Clyde Beatty said: You can train these animals, but you cannot tame them. A dog or a cow (domesticated animals) can be tamed. But you can never relax your guard around one of these big cats. **They are wild creatures, and if you let down your guard, if you do not keep conscious control over them at all times they'll get you.**

“For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸ But no man can tame the _____. *It is* an unruly _____, full of deadly poison.” James 3:7-8

tongue **evil**



"Pleasant _____
are as an
honeycomb, sweet to
the soul, and health
to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24

words

"Let no _____ communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of _____, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Ephesians 4:29

corrupt edifying

"A _____ answer turns away wrath, But a _____ word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1

soft harsh