

# DISCOVERING GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

## Series: RAISING THE BAR

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NOTES

TEXT: *Ecclesiastes 5:1-7*

Key verses: Eccl 5:3,7

**Observation:** Great people are ordinary people who have made an extraordinary commitment to a dream.

### I. ACTION STEPS:

	Commands	Reasons	
v 1	• Draw <u>near &amp; listen</u> well	Because God desires to speak	<i>Lk 10:38-42</i>
v 2,3	• Stay open	So you don't <u>limit God</u>	<i>1 Chron 6:18</i>
v 4,5	• Make a <u>commitment &amp; keep</u> it	Because God weighs your words	<i>Jms 5:12</i>
v 6	• Don't <u>decide</u> now & <u>deny</u> later	God takes our decisions seriously	<i>Lk 9:62</i>

- God's dream for you directs the course of your life.
- Your dreams determine your destiny.
- We shape our dreams then our dreams shape us.

### II. DISCOVERING GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

**DEDICATE** my life to God.

*"Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service... and do not be conformed to the standards of this world, but let God transform you... then you will be able to know what the will of God is."* *Rom. 12:1,2*

**RESERVE** time alone with God.

*"Stand still and consider the wonders of God."*

*Job 37:14*

**EVALUATE** my interest & abilities.

*"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another."*

*1 Pet. 4:10*

**ASSOCIATE** with other God seeking, like-minded people.

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one friend sharpens another."*

*Prov. 27:17*

*"Bad friends ruin the noblest people."*

*1 Cor. 15:33*

**MAKE** the dream known.

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

*Heb. 11:1*

- See the dream
- State the dream
- Share the dream