

## **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

Life in Wisdom's House 12: Unhypocritical

*A varietal sin ...*

### I. Hypocrisy

A. Double Speak

B. Fool Hearted

### II. Undone

A. Plain Talk

B. Single Minded

*... viewed from above.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Why is it important to think before we speak?
2. What does it mean to be people who "keep our word"?
3. What will help us to make sure we are honest people?

## **Your Mouth ... Watch It**

Hypocrisy comes in many shapes and forms and is the regular practice of fools. Sincerity on the other hand is an attribute of the wise. To put it plainly, we need to think, speak and act consistently and in accord with God's Word. When we are tempted to involve ourselves in anything that smacks of hypocrisy, we need to remember how sharply Jesus condemns the common practice. It also helps to heed the words of the Preacher of Ecclesiastes as he calls us to be people of our Word as we speak before God. To help us along the way in our pursuit of unhypocriticalness it will serve us well to keep in mind the words of the apostle Paul in reference to God: 'In him we live and move and have our being.' We may mince words, put on a show for others but God hears and sees all and He expects the utmost integrity from His children.