

# Vows...Yes or No? Good or Bad?

Ecclesiastes 5:6-7

- Vows are serious \_\_\_\_\_
- Vows are not r\_\_\_\_\_, d\_\_\_\_\_, or  
c\_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture
- Vows are not necessary to a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian
- Vows should never be made \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mark 6:14-29, Acts 23:20-24, Judges 21:30-40, Prov 6:1-5)
  - H\_\_\_\_\_, I\_\_\_\_\_
  - E\_\_\_\_\_
  - Under \_\_\_\_\_
  - Without \_\_\_\_\_
  - I\_\_\_\_\_
  - U\_\_\_\_\_
- Don't make vows you \_\_\_\_\_ keep
- Don't make vows you \_\_\_\_\_ keep
- Don't make vows you don't \_\_\_\_\_ to keep
- Don't make open-\_\_\_\_\_ vows
- \_\_\_\_\_ terms like "never" "always" "forever" "until"
- Be a man/woman of your \_\_\_\_\_ - I\_\_\_\_\_
- Make decisions within the context of proper \_\_\_\_\_
  - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>Matthew 5:33-37
  - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>Matthew 23:16-22
  - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>James 4:13-16, 5:12
  - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>II Corinthians 9:6
  - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>Acts 5:1-11
  - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

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- Vows are serious declarations, promises, oaths (pledges, commitments, covenants)
  - Vows are not required, demanded, or commanded in Scripture
  - Vows are not necessary to a spiritual (mature) Christian  
(and they don't make you more spiritual; in fact, could cause you to be disobedient and dishonest)
  - Vows should never be made foolishly (Mark 6:14-29, Acts 23:20-24, Judges 21:30-40, Proverbs 6:1-5)  
*Marriage, Business, Family*
    - Hastily, Impulsively, (Quickly, Rashly)
    - Emotionally
    - Under pressure (duress)
    - Without thinking
    - Irrationally
    - Unrealistically (idealistically)
  - Don't make vows you can't keep
  - Don't make vows you shouldn't keep
  - Don't make vows you don't intend to keep
  - Don't make open-ended vows
  - Avoid terms like "never" "always" "forever" "until"
  - Be a man/woman of your word (yes, no) integrity
  - Make commitments within the context of proper principles
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    - <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub>Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
- By the grace of God, Lord-willing*  
Prayer – Purpose - Press

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