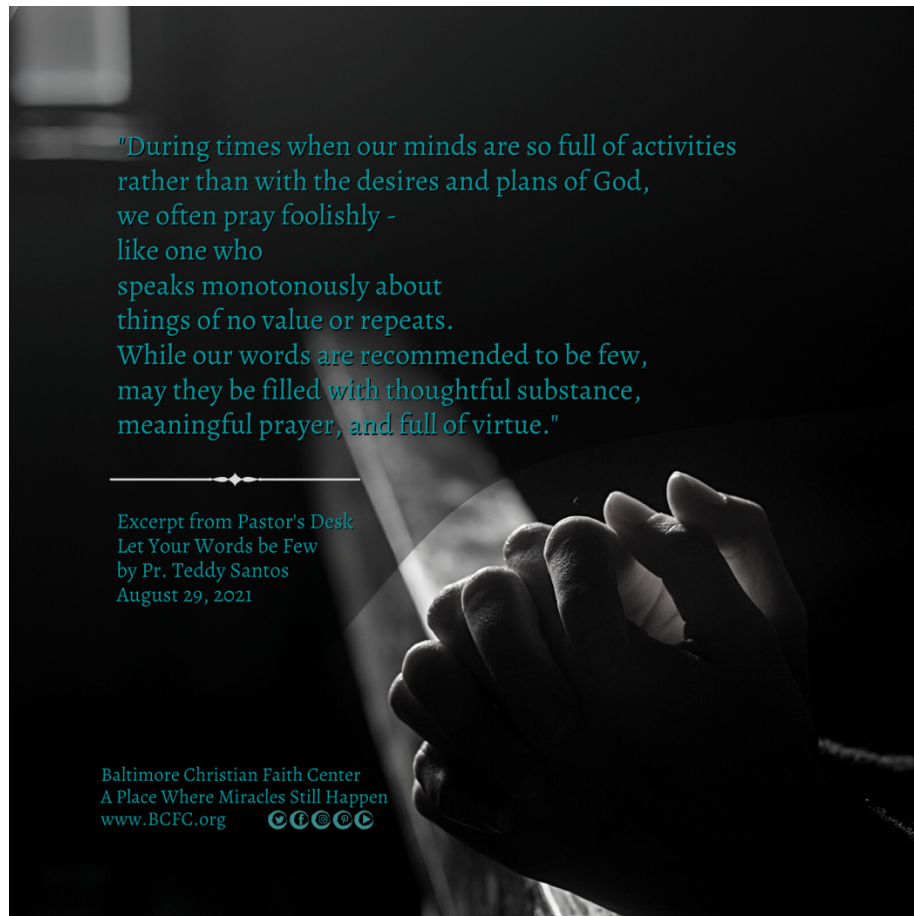


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Ecc 5:1-3 *“Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. 2 Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. 3 For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words.”*

At first glimpse, verse 3 says that dreams echo our daytime activities and that anxious days cause restless sleep. While that is undoubtedly true, the verse develops in the context of how to worship God. Thus Solomon warns, "Prioritize and keep your life simple!"

"Walk prudently" implies "watch your moral conduct." Ordinarily, "hear" is applied synonymously with "obey," and the "sacrifice of fools" is permitting fellowship to degenerate into mere socializing without profound regard toward walking prudently and listening to God.

Hastiness in prayer is vocalizing ill-considered words before The Lord. Though in anguish at times we pour out a prayer to Him, we may not consider the possible effects of our spoken words. Careless prayer is another way, unmindful of the importance of our communication with our Lord.

What prompts hastiness in prayer? Plenitude of businesses. The busy individual foolishly pours out a surge of vain words because their mind is crammed with all their dealings. This destructive overload misuses essential time with The Lord and obscures the effectiveness of thoughtful, simple, heartfelt prayer. During times when our minds are so full of activities rather than with the desires and plans of God, we often pray foolishly - like one who speaks monotonously about things of no value or repeats. While our words are recommended to be few, may they be filled with thoughtful substance, meaningful prayer, and full of virtue.

At His service,
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