

Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

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Try The Right Way

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. (Colossians 3:5-7)

Following Jesus Christ and being a Christian means leaving behind those earthly, not heavenly ways. This passage says God's wrath is awaiting everyone who continues in these sins, and that won't change on Judgment Day. Christians are sinners who realize the consequence of such sinfulness and the freedom there is in following Jesus Christ, and have changed. Instead of condemning Christians to make you feel better about yourself, why not become a Christian? God "commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Come alive with Christ and prepare to live with Him.

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The Immigration Problem

When "illegal immigration" has become an overwhelming invasion of non-citizens who assume their right to government giveaways and constitutional protection, it raises doubt and confusion in our minds as to whether citizenship means anything anymore.

For an earthly country, constitutions and people must decide. For Christians:

Our citizenship is in heaven. (**Philippians 3:20**)

[And] the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Timothy 2:19)

Only those are "added to the church daily" who were willing to:

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38, 47)

God does not offer spiritual "amnesty" to anyone who refuses to obey His rules for citizenship!

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6/21/2023 A "Myth-stake"!

Paul left Timothy in Ephesus to:

Charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies. (1 Timothy 1:3-4)

A "fable" is a fictitious story which lacks facts to establish it. The Egyptian, Persian, Grecian, and Roman gods and goddesses were pure "mythology." Aesop's Fables, "Frozen," Pinocchio, Superman, Santa Claus, Link, Lara Croft, Evolution and Climate Change are also "myths." When children's minds are filled and shaped by these "myths," they can't function well in the "real world."

God condemned false prophets who claimed "I have dreamed," and:

... "Who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal" (Jeremiah 23:25-27)

The facts of God are crowded out by fantasies!

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Truth First, Fable Later

The fable about Diogenes came hundreds of years after this true challenge of God through His inspired prophet, Jeremiah:

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; See now and know; And seek in her open places If you can find a man, If there is anyone who executes judgment, Who seeks the truth, And I will pardon her. Though they say, 'As the LORD lives,' Surely they swear falsely. (**Jeremiah 5:1-2**)

God was calling for His capital city, Jerusalem, to be morally examined microscopically. If they swore their allegiance to God Who knew their hearts, He said, "they swear falsely!" Despite God's efforts to humble them into repentance,

"They have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; They have refused to return." (**Jeremiah 5:3**)

Some lessons still need to be learned.

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What God Still Requires

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? (**Deuteronomy 10:12-13**)

Before God sent Israel into the Promised Land, He gave Moses this summary of what their part of the covenant required. They were to fear God and keep His commandments, almost what Solomon later said in **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, and Peter would say in **Acts 10:35**. Doing this with all our heart and soul has always been the core value of God's Law, whether through Moses' or now, through Jesus Christ. Before God accepts us into Heaven, He still requires this!

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