

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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The Devil You Say #1

Jesus said:

"The devil ... was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44-45)

The Devil has no respect for human life, for he murders. He has no truth, but only distorts or ignores the truth. He is the originator ("father") of lies, intended to deceive. All this "from the beginning." Beginning of what?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Genesis 3 is where "the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness" (2 Corinthians 11:3). Jesus said, the final Judgment will send the "cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Don't follow the Devil, now or forever!

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Slandering Saints

Jews brought Jesus to Pilate,

And said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." (John 18:30)

Jesus Christ ... an "evildoer?" As Pilate said, "Why, what evil has He done?" (Matthew 27:23), and then confessed, "I find no fault in Him at all" (John 18:38).

Christians are trying to reshape their lives to be like Jesus.

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

Sinful people called Jesus "an evildoer," and "speak against" Christians doing "good works." Don't believe everything sinners claim about Christ or Christians.

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Solomon's Wisdom And God's Blessing

When God had his own physical nation and people, Solomon, the king of Israel said,

"But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence." (1 Kings 5:4)

How did that country live in such peace? Solomon began with humility before God:

"I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in." (1 Kings 3:7)

Solomon asked for God's Wisdom to guide him:

"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil." (1 Kings 3:9)

God said:

"And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor." (1 Kings 3:13)

God blessed a country whose leader relied on God's Wisdom. That might work today!

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The Cost Of Liberty

On June 23, 2016, the United Kingdom (U.K.) voted to remove itself from the European Union (E.U.) of countries. The recriminations and repercussions throughout Europe, and stock markets worldwide, still reverberate. Voters in the U.K. wanted to make their own decisions about their own lives. The same happens to sinners who obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter wrote to those who knew Jesus "was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God" (1 Peter 1:20-21), and were saved by baptism (1 Peter 3:21), having been redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19). Their former sinner "friends":

... Think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. (1 Peter 4:4)

Obeying Jesus Christ and doing right loses fake friends, but makes friends with the best of friends!

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An Annual Memorial

Memorial Day started as Decoration Day for the graves of those who died in the War Between The States. It became a federal holiday in 1971. Remembering the war dead each year should remind us how precious is our national Freedom. Have you noticed, there is no "memorial day" for enemies? David reminded Israel,

O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished. (Psalm 9:6)

It has become devoted to baseball games, racing, grilling, and traveling.

For Christians, the Lord's Supper is to "proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26) every "first day of the week" (Acts 20:7), which keeps it fresh! We don't decorate Christ's grave, we celebrate His victory, and ours: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world (1 John 5:4).

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