

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 Wicked Will Not Escape

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God. (Ecclesiastes 8:11-13)

When people aren't immediately "struck down" from Heaven by God; or their case drags on through the court system; or there is not enough "justice" in the Justice System to bring about conviction, people think they have gotten away "scot-free!" The human justice system may be completely corrupted, but God's Judgment and punishment is not!

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Street Walkers

It seems there are always people waiting and willing to cause disruption. In Thessalonica, Paul preached the Gospel of Christ,

But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. (Acts 17:5)

- 1) Out of envy, unbelievers try to intimidate those who would preach, or hear, the Gospel.
- 2) The "evil men from the marketplace" are the professional demonstrators, rioters, looters, who have no purpose in life, except to get paid for causing traffic jams.
- 3) Often, these turn to violence, taking it out on the innocent ones, like Jason, and for no good purpose whatever!

Anyone without principles can use the useless to "set all the city in an uproar."

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Prayerful Preaching

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

- 1) We should attempt nothing without prayer to the Lord. "You're in my prayers," may not be the same as, "Now I pray to God that you do no evil (2 Corinthians 13:7). Specific prayer should be pointed to God.
- 2) Our desire is for "the word of the Lord" to be freely spoken and taught.
 Paul requested prayer "that God would open to us a door for the word.
 (Colossians 4:2-3)
- 3) **Deliverance** "from unreasonable and wicked men" may come in the form of a government election resulting in oppressive restrictions being lifted. Thank God for answered prayer!

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Correcting Disciples

After Jesus' resurrection, He predicted that Peter would die an old man. Peter asked how would John die? Jesus answered, but was misrepresented.

Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" (John 21:23)

People can jump to a wrong conclusion and never look back at the facts. But that is why we have Scriptures, that we may go back and correct our false faith: Peter is not "the rock" upon which the church of Christ was built.

All denominations are not included in the New Testament church. No saved person in the New Testament "claimed salvation" before obeying God's command. There was no "once-saved, always-saved" doctrine taught to Christians.

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The First Day of the Week

[Jesus] rose early on the first day of the week. (Mark 16:9)

To remember how special that day is, it was:

... On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them.

(Acts 20:7)

Jesus had said,

"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Every week has a "first day" to remember His resurrection and gather to remember His death with the Lord's Supper. Sad, isn't it, when this practice of faith is cast aside for ball games, car races, family reunions, traveling, housework, entertainment, "sleeping in," shopping, or the host of other human "reasons" that are used. God made "the first day of the week" special, but people ignore what makes it so special!

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