

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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Worthless Opinion Polls

"Do not be wise in your own opinion." [or, "wise in yourselves"] (Romans 12:16)

"Polls" used to be called "Opinion Polls," because there was no established fact in them. Unproven "opinions" mean nothing of significance outside the 1000 or so people who have been asked for their opinion. Being "wise in your own opinion," and directly contradicting God's command, is done every time "opinion polls" are reported by Media as if these speak for an entire population of hundreds of millions! The only Poll that matters is when the living, citizenry's votes are protected, and counted.

[Jewish leaders] sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. (Matthew 26:59-60)

Hearing two "false witnesses," they were asked,

"What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." (Matthew 26:66)

Accepting an "opinion poll" as fact crucified Jesus Christ!

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Making Worse Get Better

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. (2 Timothy 3:12-13)

Christians will be persecuted, because the wicked won't change by themselves.

1) "Evil" in mankind is described by David:

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their hearts; they continually gather together for war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; the poison of asps is under their lips. (Psalm 140:1-3)

2) "Imposters" are people who live by their art of deception. Paul told Timothy how to deal with such:

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)

The wicked get worse if we don't openly teach the Bible!

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Not All Are Justified

Many people seem to think that there is safety and justification for what they do because "others are doing it." Thus, we constantly hear things like: "all politicians are liars and immoral;" "everyone misuses drugs;" "all church-goers are hypocritical;" "all corporations are corrupt;" "all heterosexual marriages are abusive," ad nauseum! Using others' sins to "justify" our own is something the New Testament warns against:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

We might blind ourselves to our own sins, but God is not blinded by numbers. In the Judgment, "Each one may receive the things done in the body." (2 Corinthians 5:10)

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Jesus Is Special

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

Jesus is special because:

1) The word, "manifested" means "made obvious," and so:

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13)

2) He is God's "only begotten Son," because no one else has been made like Him! Jesus is not God's "only" Son,

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26)

3) "And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin" (1 John 3:5). Jesus said,

"If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24)

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Jesus Marked the 'Last Times'

[Jesus Christ] indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:20-21)

Peter wrote this New Testament Book in the First Century, saying Jesus "was manifest in these last times." Whose "last times?" Not the church of Christ, because Jesus instructed:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus came in God's "last times" of the Jews as His chosen people.

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