

Words of Wisdom by John T Polk II For WECO FM 101.3 and The Fellowship Room

2-9-2015 50 Shades of Red

God made nakedness acceptable only between heterosexual husband and wife, Adam and Eve, for "they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:25). In such a marriage, it is still acceptable. Everything else is sinful!

Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, pressing him to your bottle, even to make him drunk, that you may look on his nakedness! (Habakkuk 2:15)

"50 Shades of Gray" actress Dakota Johnson said, "I don't want my parents to see it...maybe my friends, maybe my sisters" (*Washington Examiner*, 2/6/2015). Has she "conscience" for her parents, but not for yours, or mine, or our children? Should it cause 50 Shades of Red? We can hope so, for about sinners, God said: "They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush" (Jeremiah 6:15).

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2-10-2015 To Tell The Truth

Brian Williams, anchorman on NBC TV's "Nightly News," recounted for over ten years how his helicopter was shot down while reporting the war in Iraq. It wasn't! He also reported seeing a body float by his motel room when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. Sadly, his motel wasn't in a part of the city that flooded. Facts and truth should always shape our opinions.

"Do not be wise in your own opinion" (Romans 12:16). Relying upon what "we think" can be unreliable, to say the least. Many "think" they remember being saved before they were baptized, but Jesus' fact about whom He saves is:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:16)

Shouldn't you re-think your testimony about your salvation before you say it again?

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2-11-2015 Unqualified Love of God?

The only verse many people accept is "God is love" (1 John 4:8). They think that means "God loves me regardless of how I live." They could not be more wrong, for Jesus Christ also said:

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. (John 14:21)

Sinners want God to love them as they are, but David said of God:

The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. (Psalm 5:4-5)

God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4); and "now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

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2-12-2015 Reserved Seats for Judgment

When some movie portrays pure lust of the flesh and uncleanness, then those who finance it, make it, act in it, and buy tickets to see it have despised the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. He inspired the Apostle Peter to warn us ahead of time that:

The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. (2 Peter 2:9-10)

The Israelites who died in the wilderness did so because "the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it" (Hebrews 4:2). Will your lust for uncleanness overcome your faith in God's Word?

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2-13-2015 Love Invests

If it takes jewelry for a kiss, candy for a smile, or flowers for a hug, your marriage needs fixing. Love doesn't come down to one day a year. Love is a commitment, for love:

Does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil. (1 Corinthians 13:5)

This applies to both husbands and wives! It is not just up to the man to put life into the marriage. Love is not a burden or a pain, but a consideration, for "love does no harm to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10). Marriage seems to be unpopular, because it is based on love, and love requires commitment and consideration.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. (1 John 5:3)

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