

Words of Wisdom by John T Polk II For WECO FM 101.3 and <u>The Fellowship Room</u> All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

8-31-2015 University of Tennessee's (UT) Neutral Pronouns

In Knoxville, The University of Tennessee's Pride Center Director, Donna Braquet requested on their website:

That teacher, rather than calling roll, will instead ask each student to provide the name and pronoun he or she—or "ze"—wishes to be referred by. She says it relieves a burden for people expressing different genders or identities. (**The [Nashville] Tennessean**, *Tennessee students asked to use gender-neutral pronouns*, August 30, 2015).

Why would anyone send their children to be educated by people who don't even recognize basic pronouns? In English, a noun is "the name of a person, place, or thing," and a pronoun takes the place of a noun. What noun are these manufactured pronouns replacing? Try paying U.T. with checks signed by "ze!"

Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes (**Proverbs 26:5**).

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9-1–2015 Unnatural "Neutral" Pronouns

Let's begin with the basics, in the Beginning:

God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (**Genesis 1:27**).

Jesus Christ endorsed this by saying:

"From the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female'" (Mark 10:6).

Simply, all humans are, since the Creation and from birth, either "male or female." All who try to be what they are not, gender-wise, are violating God's Will and Design. In English, gender pronouns are "he, she, or it." Anyone who is not a "he" or a "she" is an "it." The University of Tennessee at Knoxville is confused by requesting so-called "neutral" pronouns. Volunteer football will be hard to follow if jerseys all have "ze" instead of their names.

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9-2-2015 UT's Sexual Confusion

In Knoxville, the University of Tennessee's Pride Center Director has requested a gender-neutral pronoun, "ze," be used instead of student names. What's next: neutral answers in Mathematics and Biology? God created the gender distinction of "male and female" (Genesis 1:27). He condemned confusion of clothes:

A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God (**Deuteronomy 22:5**).

God condemns confusion of sexual practice:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived... Neither homosexuals, nor sodomites... will inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

For U.T. to use pronouns to blur that distinction means they have sided with the ungodly and unrighteous.

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9-3-2015 I Know I'm Saved

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16).

Some people contradict this by saying, "But I know I'm saved before I was baptized." Really? How? Scripture says:

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him (**1 John 2:3-5**).

No one can "know" they are saved, unless they have believed and been baptized in order to be saved.

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9-4-2015 Visits to Heaven

Jesus Christ said: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (**Revelation 3:21**).

Jesus also said: "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father" (**John 6:46**).

In the Book of Revelation, John wrote: "Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne" (**Revelation 4:1-2**).

Jesus is the only One who has seen God and come to earth to tell about it. John is the only one to whom Heaven was revealed. Everyone who thinks they have gone to Heaven must be mistaken! Jesus promised those who overcome may enter Heaven, NOT those who mistakenly think they have!

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