## **The Fellowship Room**

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

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

## 11-2-2015 Are You Led By the Spirit of God

Many people think the Holy Spirit becomes a constant revealer of God's Will to each individual. Jesus said:

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life (**John 6:63**).

Since Jesus' words are "spirit," and "life," what does the Holy Spirit need to do but preserve those words? Jesus said:

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away (Luke 21:33).

The Holy Spirit leads people when they accept His inspired Bible.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Romans 8:14).

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).

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#### 11-3-2015 What Voice Do You Hear

There are many misguided people who think God speaks to their individual heart. The Apostle Paul's sermon showed how those Jews who crucified Jesus Christ had not listened to God's Prophets:

For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him (Acts 13:27).

"Voices" can be "read?" Yes, that's what the Holy Spirit-inspired Scriptures are for: to speak as if God were saying it. The Apostle James said,

Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath" (Acts 15:21).

The only "voice" of God every heart today should hear is from the written Word of God!

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## 11-4-2015 What Is Your Opinion

After showing the Law of Moses doesn't save today, Paul wrote:

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe (Romans 3:21-22).

Jews are no longer God's "chosen people," for:

... the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel" (**Ephesians 3:6**).

Everyone who thinks otherwise is "wise in your own opinion" (Romans 11:25), and contradicts the New Testament Scriptures! The Jewish high priest said,

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

God's warning is:

Do not be wise in your own opinion (Romans 12:16)

but hear the Word of God.

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## 11-5-2015 Equal Pay for Equal Work

"Equal pay for equal work," is a popular slogan for covetous people. Jobs are supposed to given on the basis of "ability," and not to "equalize" differences in skin color, gender, parentage, or quotas. Jesus likened our judgment to a man:

... who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability (Matthew 25:14-15).

Each person was given an amount of money he was capable of handling.

Covetousness claims everyone sharing a certain characteristic, regardless of ability, should be paid the same, but their work does not show equal ability!

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways (**Ezekiel 33:20**).

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## 11-6-2015 God's Response to Bullying

John the Baptist told soldiers in his audience,

"Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." (Luke 3:14).

"Intimidate" involved violent shaking; "accuse falsely" involved making up charges; "content with wages" meant not using their position to increase their wealth. This description of "bullying" could not be clearer, and the remedy was to:

"bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Luke 3:8).

Indeed, conversion required these agents of government "to repent," or change their attitude from this "bullying." When government becomes a Goliath, the message still is:

All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.' Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time (1 Peter 5:5-6).

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