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.

7-03-2017 The Gospel Guides

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you (Psalm 32:8-9).

David clearly states God's instruction should guide one without being forced to obey. Jesus said things proceeding "out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man" (Matthew 15:18). True, evil begins in a heart, but so, also does obedience.

[Paul] preached to you the gospel of God (1 Thessalonians 2:9).

And:

You obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered (Romans 6:17).

And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8).

Don't be forced to be baptized.

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7-04-2017 Freedom to Obey Christ

There is no such thing as complete freedom. The American Revolution cast off abusive law for the freedom to establish our own law. Since sin is universal, Jesus' Gospel invites all everywhere to cast off their shackles of sin for the freedom to serve under Jesus' Law.

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:16-18).

No one can be freed from sins to do as they please. Liberty is not license or

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7-05-2017 Just Like Judas

Would you like to try your life over? What if you couldn't? Jesus said:

"The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born" (Mark 14:21).

Judas Iscariot sold Jesus into the hands of murderous Jews, and is forever remembered as the "betrayer" of Jesus. He saw Jesus condemned, and "was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27:3-4).

Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself (Matthew 27:5).

Jesus could have forgiven any repented of sin, but Judas didn't have faith in Jesus. Do you?

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7-06-2017 The Seed Promised to Abraham

For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, 'In Isaac your seed shall be called.' That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed (Romans 9:6-8).

Everyone who thinks Jews, or Muslims, are physical descendants of Abraham and entitled to promises made to them are seriously mistaken. First, no one can prove that they are physical descendants, since all the genealogical records were destroyed when Romans destroyed Jerusalem in A. D. 70. Secondly, God's promise was not about Jews or Muslims, but to Christians.

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...And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:26-29).

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7-07-2017 Does God's Angel Lie

As the Book of Revelation is being finished, John falls down to worship God's angel who had showed these things to the Apostle.

Then he said to me, 'See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.' And he said to me, 'Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand' (Revelation 22:9-10).

First, angels must not be worshiped, for their message is only what God said. Only God is to be worshiped. Secondly, Christians who obey "this book," are as acceptable to God as angels, Apostles, and the prophets. Third, the Book of Revelation prophecied only of events soon to happen, or "at hand." Everyone who tries to see in the Book of Revelation hundreds or thousands of years in the future must be calling the angel of God a "liar!"

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