

## 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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## **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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### **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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#### 11/9/2022

#### **Politicians and Truth**

King Solomon knew a lot about government:

If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked. (**Proverbs 29:12**)

What kind of government is it that is built on lies? Some are so corrupt, that they will be:

... speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron. (1 Timothy 4:2)

Pontius Pilate heard Jesus say He came into the world to:

... "bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (John 18:37)

Politician Pilate had demands from: Rome that he keep the peace; Jews that he crucify Jesus; Jesus telling him the truth! Pilate said, "What is truth?" (**John 18:38**) If government is not according to truth, the Devil rules, for "he is a liar, and the father of it" (**John 8:44**).

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## **God Limits Himself**

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask."

(Mark 10:35-38)

Many people come to Jesus with selfish requests, but Jesus called it "ignorant." had said, "With God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). But He told James and John their request

... "Is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." (Mark 10:40)

No one should tell God to do something that contradicts what He says He will do in the Bible.

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## **A Moral Equivalent**

A "moral equivalency" argument is when a person justifies their evil deed because they can point to someone else's evil deed. It's the old childish, "he hit me first." A few white people in the 1800's owned slaves, so African-Americans justify burning, looting, beating up, or murdering white people today. "Evil for evil" makes the world "evil." Jesus told His disciples, after betrayal,

"They will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify." (Matthew 20:18-19)

Knowing what evil was to be done to Him, Jesus said,

"Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:53)

Following Jesus' example, Christians must:

"Repay no one evil for evil." (Romans 12:17)

Try forgiveness for a change, it's non-racial!

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