

Words of Wisdom Transcripts by John T Polk II

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

8/30/2021 Peace-Haters

Psalm 120:6-7: My soul has dwelt too long with one who hates peace. 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

People who preach hatred when a white policeman kills a black person, but completely ignore all of the black on black violence and murders "hate peace." People who headline a few white boys who utter a racial slur, but completely ignore all of the black people who slur whites "hate peace." People who feel situations overseas can only be solved by war "hate peace."

Have we not lived "too long" with those who "hate peace." Isn't it time for the rest of us to obey God.

When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. (Proverbs 16:7)

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8/31/2021 No Christian "Crusades"

In Luke 9:51-56, Jesus intended to go to Jerusalem and passed through a Samaritan village, and "they did not receive Him." His disciples, James and John, wanted to "command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them."

But He turned and rebuked them, and said, 'You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.' (Luke 9:55-56)

The Apostles learned that there is no such thing as a "Christian Crusade." People have grossly perverted Jesus' teaching who justify such, and reporters have grossly misrepresented Jesus Christ who speak of "Christian Crusades." Jesus' kingdom is "not of this world," (John 18:36). The Gospel of Jesus Christ converts willing souls, but does not "destroy men's lives."

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9-1-2021 Try, Again

Crimes come from the heart, not the neighborhood. Jesus Christ said,

"There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man." (Mark 7:15)

Murder, rape, robbery, bullying, violent injuring, sexual sins and blasphemy, Jesus said,

"All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (Mark 7:23)

More laws on the books, newer housing projects, larger police forces, and longer prison sentences cannot change one heart like Jesus Christ can, for:

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Jesus and the church of Christ want you to try again, with Him.

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9-2-2021 Where Angels Dare Not Go

God's angels cannot change the Gospel requirement Jesus set:

And He said to them, '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)

Paul wrote:

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8)

The Devil misrepresented Scripture to teach that an angel would keep Jesus from harm if He threw Himself off "the pinnacle of the temple" but Jesus replied:

"It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' (Matthew 4:5-7)

We must always let God's Word tell us what angels can and cannot do.

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9-3-2021 "Faith Only" Doesn't Confess Christ

John 12:42-43: "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

"Many" "rulers" among the Jews "believed in" Jesus as the Christ, but "did not confess Him," though Jesus made it clear about confession.

"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8-9)

Faith only, without confession, receives "the praise of men," but not the "praise of God." It's pitiful to see people whose faith does not obey.

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