



**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.*

**8-17-2015 Where Is Father?**

Last year, 4 out of 10 children in the U.S.A. were born to unwed mothers, 2/3 of whom are under the age of 30. Of the 12 million single-parent families, 80% are headed by mothers. Of children under 18, 1 in 4 (about 17.4 million) are raised without a father, and 45% live below the poverty level.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged (**Colossians 3:21**).

Every male who sires a child, but isn't around to "bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (**Ephesians 6:4**), will give account on the Day of Judgment!

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right (**Ephesians 6:1**). But what if they don't know who their parents are? "The LORD has been very angry with your fathers" (**Zechariah 1:2**).

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God delivered the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, leading them through Moses.

No "once-saved-always saved" here!

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**8-19-2015 Who Is Mother?**

Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me (**Psalm 131:2**).

There is no more calming, tranquil picture among humans than that of a child settled within the comfort and protection of his or her mother. And yet, that is exactly what is missing from millions of children in the United States today. For their own sins and corruption, God seemingly had abandoned His people for good to punish them. Yet, to illustrate that He had not, He asked:

Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you (**Isaiah 49:15**).

To be ignored or forgotten by our own mother, indeed, does permanent damage!

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**8-20-2015 High Esteem**

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man (**Proverbs 3:3-4**).

"Favor and high esteem" comes because one has worked to make God's Word a part of his/ her thinking. The Philippians were to receive Epaphroditus, Paul's "brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier" and "hold such men in esteem" (**Philippians 2:25, 29**). Within the churches of Christ:

We urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake (**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**).

There are NO "participation trophies" or "feeling good about one's self" without actually participating and obeying!

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**8-21-2015 "Fruit Of the Vine"**

Jesus gave new meaning to the pure elements of the Jewish Passover Meal. Under Moses, all leaven (yeast!) was removed from everything within their house, before and during this observance (**Deuteronomy 16:1-8**). Therefore, the "fruit of the vine" which represents His blood was completely without alcoholic content! The "bread" (without yeast!) represents His body. He then declared:

"Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God" (**Mark 14:22-25**).

The only expression Jesus used for the cup contents He took from the Passover Table to represent His blood was "fruit of the vine." That's as fresh from grapes as one may find. His complete sacrifice purchased the church of Christ (**Acts 20:28**). Are you in it?

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