

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

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1-05-2016 Prophecy for 2016

The Apostle Paul, in Ephesus:

... Went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples (Acts 19:8-9).

Unbelievers will speak "evil of the Way" of Christ. It is easy, therefore, to predict that in the course of this year: the Propaganda Press will feature stories of racial prejudice in the "Bible Belt;" Harlotwood will continue to depict hatefulness and hypocrisy in all "Bible believers;" TV sitcoms will laugh at homosexual opponents; and TV history channels will continue to question and deny the accuracy, text, and truthfulness of the Bible.

The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble (**Proverbs 4:19**).

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1-06–2016 Stop the Violence

When violent murders have occurred, well-meaning people take to the streets, appealing to the murderers to "Stop The Violence." Signs and slogans will not make much difference, nor will more government programs, for these are "band-aids" that cannot cure. Instead, why not preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ who said:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9)?

Not any other religious text can claim what the Bible claims:

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).

Only God's Word changes hearts from within.

Whoever rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from his house (**Proverbs 17:13**).

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1-07-2016 Sacrificial Hero

Knoxville's Zaevion Dobson, forever 15, threw himself between his friends and gang gunfire, and died December 17, 2015. His family and friends will remember Jesus' statement:

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (John 15:13).

Zaevion died a hero among violent cowards. His friends are alive because of his bravery.

Heaven's Jesus Christ, forever, threw Himself between His friends and eternal Hell-fire, and died on a cross in 33 A.D. Those who are saved by His sacrifice always know Jesus:

Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness (**1 Peter 2:23-24**).

So we who "were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death" to "walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us" (**Romans 6:3**; **Ephesians 5:2**). Jesus Christ is the "hero" to all who are saved through Him.

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1-8-2016 No Prophet of Terrorism

God hates "Hands that shed innocent blood" (**Proverbs 6:17**).

Terrorist violence is excused because they are paying back somebody(s) for something(s) done in time past. Those who follow the God of Abraham are told:

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord (**Romans 12:19**).

There seems to be no limit to the beheadings, bombings, or shootings done by people who follow the wrong Prophet. Jesus Christ is the Prophet, like Moses, who makes Christians by: ... 'Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen (Matthew 28:19-20).

You are following the wrong "prophet" if you show fear and hatred to those outside your religious group.

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