



# The Fellowship Room

**Words of Wisdom** by [John T Polk II](#)

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

**5-9-2016**

**Graduation Skills**

When people graduate from High School or University, they should be looking ahead at life. Solomon made it simple in **Ecclesiastes 9:9-11**. Plan to:

- 1) "Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life"—i.e., be in a close, stable marriage;
- 2) "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might"—i.e., work hard at honorable work;
- 3) "I returned and saw under the sun that - The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all" — i.e., everything is not under our personal control—live with it.

One is not alone in marriage; diligent work is rewarded and appreciated; life levels the "playing field" for everyone. Good advice!

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**The Meaning In Life**

Before he was given wisdom, Solomon said he:

Hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind (**Ecclesiastes 2:17**).

"Under the sun" describes a life on earth, and without God, it is meaningless.

Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me (**Ecclesiastes 2:18-19**).

Without God in our life, we can hate life and we can hate work.

There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God (**Ecclesiastes 2:24**).

God blesses lives who pause to enjoy it and thank Him.

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**The Devil You Say #1**

Jesus said:

"The devil... was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (**John 8:44-45**).

The Devil has no respect for human life, for he murders. He has no truth, but only distorts or ignores the truth. He is the originator ("father") of lies, intended to deceive. All this "from the beginning." Beginning of what?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (**Genesis 1:1**).

**Genesis 3** is where "the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness" (**2 Corinthians 11:3**). Jesus said, the final Judgment will send the "cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (**Matthew 25:41**). Don't follow the Devil now, or forever!

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**The Devil You Say #2**

The Devil doesn't "make" anyone sin, but encourages an individual's decision to sin! Judas Iscariot, is a case in point.

[He] was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it (**John 12:6**).

He "was a thief" before he was a betrayer.

[He] went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?' And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him (**Matthew 26:14-16**).

Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve (**Luke 22:2-3**).

Afterward, at the Lord's Supper,

After the piece of bread, Satan entered him (**John 13:27**).

Satan was in control because Judas had given Him control. However, the Devil can be resisted.

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**5-13-2016 The Devil You Say #3**

"Triskadekaphobia" is a strong fear of the number 13. Sometimes it's seen on a "Friday 13th;" or architects designing buildings without a 13th floor; or city plans that omit a 13th Street; or the "Death" card in a Tarot deck is the 13th. However, it is the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that abolished the practice of slavery; it was in Josiah's 13th year as King of Judah that the Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah

(**Jeremiah 1:1-2**); and Jesus actually had 13 Apostles (Judas was replaced, Paul was Apostle to Gentiles! Instead of fearing a number:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**).

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