

Words of Wisdom by **John T Polk II** For <u>WECO FM 101.3</u> and <u>The Fellowship Room</u>

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

10-17-2016 Not All Were Antichrist

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled (**Titus 1:15**).

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that, because one, or some, of a class of people do a thing, that everyone in that class must be guilty of the same thing. When "Antichrists" left the church of Christ, John wrote,

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us (**1 John 2:19**).

John clearly showed that not all members of the churches of Christ were "Antichrist," because those who became "Antichrist" were no longer satisfied to remain within the churches of Christ.

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10-18-2016 Not All Are Justified

Many people seem to think that there is safety and justification for what they do because "others are doing it." Thus, we constantly hear things like: "all politicians are liars and immoral;" "everyone misuses drugs;" "all church-goers are hypocritical;" "all corporations are corrupt;" "all heterosexual marriages are abusive," ad nauseum! Using others' sins to "justify" our own is something the New Testament warns against:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

We might blind ourselves to our own sins, but God is not blinded by numbers. In the Judgment,

Each one may receive the things done in the body (2 Corinthians 5:10).

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10-19-2016 In the Midst of Sinners

[John wrote:] But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (**Revelation 21:8**).

[Jesus said,] "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

John described what it will mean to remain an "unbeliever."

[Jesus said,] "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" (Mark 10:11-12).

John showed what will happen to "adulterers and adulteresses."

[Jesus said of the devil,] "He is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44).

John gave the end result for liars. Standing in the midst of sinners without repenting will not pass the Day of Judgment!

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10-20-2016 Deny, Deny, Deny

[Jesus said,] "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me" (Luke 22:34).

When he was pointed out, Peter did deny his association with Jesus. The rooster crowed, Jesus looked at Peter,

So Peter went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:62).

The truth was still true, though Peter denied, denied, and denied it. It was when Peter "wept bitterly," that he showed that he still had a conscience that knew right from wrong. There are those, though, who speak:

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

These have no tears of remorse, speak lies to your face (or investigative committee!), and have no feeling of conscience left. No truth can point the way for someone who will deny, deny, deny, without repentance!

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10-21-2016 Dying To Lie

"An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue" (**Proverbs 17:4**).

Surely in a political campaign year, this is easily understood. "Evildoer" describes someone whose heart is full of wickedness and sins. "False lips" describes the mouths through which the heart of evil speaks falsely. Only a wicked person wants to feed his, or, her vile heart with lies coming through "false lips." The "liar" scrapes up garbage scraps from tongues of hateful spite, and cares nothing about truth, righteousness, or purity! The problem for the rest of us is when these people are the Media trying to feed us on their slop! Jesus said the Devil is:

"A liar and the father of it" (John 8:44),

but we know His children! It's hard to know the truth after the Devil's family reunion!

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