

Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

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

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Cruelty with Words

King Saul's army faced the Philistines,

And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. (1 Samuel 17:4)

Goliath's height was 9 1/2 feet, and his armor weighed over 125 pounds! For over a month, he said,

"I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together" (1 Samuel 17:10).

David's faith was bigger than his body, so:

[Goliath] disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. So the Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

(1 Samuel 17:42-43)

Words that either boast of one's own self, or belittle someone else, are cruel. Like David, our faith can defeat any cruel Goliath, even on-line!

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Repent Of Protesting

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

Why are street mobs in the United States now immediately branded "a protest" against some present Government policy. Politically though, while the "Tea Party" Movement gathered momentum, and Trump was being selected, the gatherings were simply termed "angry," and "right-wing." Why aren't today's street mobs termed "angry" and "left-wing?" Interesting, isn't it, that news depends upon the viewpoint of the one writing it? Bible objectivity shows when even enemies of the Gospel are quoted. His betrayer, Judas Iscariot, said,

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4).

Pontius Pilate's wife called Jesus "that just man" (Matthew 27:19). At the cross, the soldiers said,

"Truly, this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).

Can "angry" protesters today admit they are wrong?

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Suicide Or Salvation? (part 1)

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' And they said, 'What is that to us? You see to it!' Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5).

Judas saw the Jesus condemned whom he knew was "innocent," and was "remorseful" (a word showing pain afterward). Jesus had used this very word to show a good result:

"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. (Matthew 21:28-29).

Godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation (2 Corinthians 7:10).

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Suicide Or Salvation? (part 4)

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' And they said, 'What is that to us? You see to it!' Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5).

Suicide is only an option to someone who gives up on God. Forgiveness is with God.

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared (**Psalm 130:3-4**).

Christians must,

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Whatever you have done, if you repent, God can forgive it, and Christians must forgive you.

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An Annual Memorial

Memorial Day started as Decoration Day for the graves of those who died in the War Between The States. It became a federal holiday in 1971. Remembering the war dead each year should remind us how precious is our national Freedom. Have you noticed, there is no "memorial day" for enemies? David reminded Israel:

O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished (Psalm 9:6).

It has become devoted to baseball games, racing, grilling, and traveling. For Christians, the Lord's Supper is to "proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26) every "first day of the week" (Acts 20:7), which keeps it fresh! We don't decorate Christ's grave, we celebrate His victory, and ours:

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world (1 John 5:4).

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