



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.

10-05-2015 Shooting Christians

Those who admitted to being “Christian” were shot in the head and killed. So, it seems, went the hate-filled murders on the Umpqua College Campus in Roseburg, Oregon on October 1, 2015. The shooter’s disjointed life had been fed fear, loathing and hatred for the world, especially those whose lives were fulfilled by Christ. Jesus had come:

... That they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly
(**John 10:10**).

He also warned:

“Whoever kills you will think that he offers God service” (**John 16:2**).

Whether the Muslim religion of hatred or the preached “disdain for organized religion,” it ends the same. Jesus said,

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you” (**John 15:18**), and, “He who hates Me hates My Father also” (**John 15:23**).

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In predicting what signs would precede the destruction of Jerusalem (which occurred in A.D. 70), Jesus told His disciples,

“You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake” (**Luke 21:16-17**).

The sad realization is that, today, families are just as shredded. Parents, especially fathers, have left their children in the hands of grandparents, the State, the neighborhood, or to fend for themselves. These abandoned children have become:

... Disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful (**Romans 1:30-31**).

Their disrespectful attitude is toward parents, teachers, church, Jesus Christ, and even, God, Himself!

For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children (**2 Corinthians 12:14**).

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10-07-2015 The End Times

The expression “end times” doesn’t even occur in the Bible! This is doctrine invented by people who:

... Twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures (**2 Peter 3:16**).

In “the last days,” Scriptures teach us:

- (1) the Holy Spirit would be poured out on the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:14-21**);

- (2) God’s Spokesman would be Jesus Christ (**Hebrews 1:2**);
- (3) scoffers would come (**2 Peter 3:3**);
- (4) sins would make for “grievous” times (**2 Timothy 3:1-5**).

If those “last days” are just happening now, then: Jesus Christ has not preached, the Holy Spirit has no Scriptures, no one has yet challenged the Bible, and sins have not been committed!!! If not, why not? The expression, “last days,” was upon the Jews as God’s chosen people, NOT for the entire world!

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**10-08-2015 Helping the Poor**

Jesus said,

“You have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good” (**Mark 14:7**)

He was confirming the Old Testament teaching.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God (**Leviticus 23:22**).

The “poor” were allowed to harvest the raw materials for food from the last of the crops. The “poor” were also obligated to pay their temple tax the same as the “rich” (**Exodus 30:14-15**). Nowhere in the Bible are God’s people (Israelites in the Old, Christians in the New) obligated to care for the “poor” who show no involvement in Bible teaching!

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10-09-2015 Cruelty to Babies

Solomon said,

“A righteous man regards the life of his animal” (**Proverbs 12:10**).

Certainly, animal cruelty often shows someone who will be cruel to people. God told the Israelites,

“You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain”
(**Deuteronomy 25:4**)

The Apostle Paul later adds,

“Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope” (**1 Corinthians 9:9-10**).

The lesson is, don't be cruel to either man or beast! But it works the other way, too. When 57 million government-approved and funded abortions have happened since 1973, no wonder there is cruelty to animals!

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