



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.

12-21-2015 A Religious Poll

And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' So they answered and said, 'John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again' (**Luke 9:18-19**).

The opinion on the street was:

- (1) speculative;
- (2) divided;
- (3) wrong!

Did Jesus say: "each one has their own truth?" "everyone is entitled to their own opinion?" OR, "it doesn't make any difference what they believe and practice?" None of these. Jesus said to His disciples who had seen His miracles, heard His teaching, and followed Him:

'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered and said, 'The Christ of God' (**Luke 9:20**).

Prayers for unity without accepting what the Bible says avail nothing!

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**12-22-2015**

**False Teachers "Suppose" Their Doctrine**

It is a false teacher who:

... Does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ" and are "men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself (**1 Timothy 6:3-5**).

False teachers:

- (1) refuse to accept Jesus' "wholesome" doctrine, such as, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**);
- (2) are corrupt in mind, and void of "the truth," and therefore "turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ" (**Jude 1:4**);
- (3) "Suppose" their doctrine is right while it is contrary to plain, Bible teaching, such as: being a Christian but not in the church of Christ; being saved before being baptized into Jesus' death; worshiping God with entertainment and not sacrifices.

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12-23-2015 No Seasonal Goodwill

This time of the year, many hypocritically speak of "goodwill toward men," only the rest of the year to speak with false flattery or abusive words toward others. David said:

They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things, Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?" (**Psalms 12:2-4**).

It is ignorance and arrogance to think the Lord has nothing to say about it. If you really want "goodwill toward men," then:

He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit (**1 Peter 3:10**).

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### **12-24-2015 One Miracle for One Prophet**

God's Prophet today is none other than Jesus Christ. After Jesus fed 5000 men (not counting women and children!) with 5 barley loaves of bread and 2 small fish, then gathered up 12 baskets full (more than He started with!),

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world' (**John 6:14**).

God made it clear, with such an overwhelming miracle witnessed by thousands, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

And many of the people believed in Him, and said, 'When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?' (**John 7:31**).

God has not given such miraculous demonstrations to endorse anyone else as His Prophet. Jesus' miracles should lead us to Him and no other.

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12-25-2015 How God Delivers

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned (**Psalms 34:19-21**).

David wrote this after he was spared from Achish, king of Gath
(**1 Samuel 21:13-15**). Persecutions Paul endured, because:

... Out of them all the Lord delivered me (**2 Timothy 3:11**).

When Jesus was crucified, and the soldiers:

... came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His
legs" (**John 19:33**),

then Psalm 34:20 proved true! Also true is that people doing evil "hate the
righteous," and "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer
persecution" (**2 Timothy 3:12**). God delivers, not from suffering, but forever!

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