



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.

1-18-2016 Lottery Fever

After a few “winning” tickets have claimed prize money from millions who donated their ticket money out of their limited funds, it would be good to review what a Wise Man has said.

An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end
(**Proverbs 20:21**).

The faster we get it, the quicker it leaves. The list of “The Wealthiest People in America” seldom, if ever, includes a lottery winner!

Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase (**Proverbs 13:11**).

A good, steady job is worth more than dishonest gain.

Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend
(**Proverbs 19:4**).

Friends, relatives, riotous living, and “good causes” rain from the sky upon lottery winners, because many will help you spend what they don’t have!

[Truly,] Riches are not forever (**Proverbs 27:24**).

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**1-19-2016 What Is 'As Hot As Hell'?**

Nothing on earth is "as hot as hell." Listening to songs, conversations, TV shows, and other entertainment venues, one may think the earth is burning up, because so many things are described this way: sexual lust, a winning ball team, war zones, clothes fashion, working conditions, etc.! Hell is for lost souls.

Jesus said, "fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (**Matthew 10:28**)

because "the fire is not quenched" (**Mark 9:48**). The "vengeance of eternal fire" (**Jude 7**) is for those, Jesus said, who choose the wide and broad "way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it" (**Matthew 7:13**).

Since "Hell" is for eternity after this life:

- (1) nothing on earth is "as hot as Hell;"
- (2) Jesus used the same term, "eternal" to describe "punishment" and "life" in **Matthew 25:46**;
- (3) it is profanity to refer to "Hell" so casually.

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1-20-2016 From David's Throne, Jesus Saves

[Jesus Christ,] Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness (**1 Peter 2:24**).

After He was bodily raised from the dead and witnessed by hundreds, He finally spoke to His Apostles and said,

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:15-16**).

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God (**Mark 16:19**).

The inspired Apostle Peter quoted David's **Psalm 16:8-11** and said,

"Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne (**Acts 2:30**).

Jesus has been on David's throne in Heaven since that sermon.

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**1-21-2016 O My God**

It was a prayer when David said:

O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed (**Psalm 25:2**).

All 21 times "O my God" occurs in the Bible, people were addressing God. God said through Moses,

And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD (**Leviticus 19:12**).

[New Testament Law] is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane [... and] contrary to sound doctrine (**1 Timothy 1:9-10**).

"Profane" means like a "doorway or threshold we cross without thinking of it." Thus, using "O my God" without directly addressing God is "profanity," and walks over God's Name without regarding its sacredness. "OMG" cannot be excused either because it is shorter!

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1-22-2016 Lucifer Is Not the Devil

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! (**Isaiah 14:12**).

This is the only reference to "Lucifer" in the entire Bible, and there is nothing in **Isaiah 14** to indicate that this refers to Satan or, the Devil. Instead, this is a direct reference to Nebuchadnezzar, for God told Isaiah to:

... Take up this proverb against the king of Babylon (**Isaiah 14:4**).

Isaiah 14:12 says nothing about the Devil as a fallen angel, with a goatee, or with evil powers! Everyone who identifies "Lucifer" with the Devil shows ignorant misunderstanding of the Bible. Worldly-minded people have latched onto this mythical misunderstanding in books, TV series, and artwork.

[Christians must] shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness (**2 Timothy 2:16**).

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