



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.

2-15-2016 The Youth Vote

When Solomon died, the nation of Israel divided into Northern Israel and Southern Judah, separate Kingdoms.

Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived (**1 Kings 12:6**)

They advised him to serve the people.

But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him (**1 Kings 12:8**).

Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men, listened to "the young men" and promised greater government oppression:

My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges (**1 Kings 12:11**).

There were good reasons why older men knew more about the future than younger men. Younger men held sway over such a decision, and Southern Judah drifted into ungodly oblivion.

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**2-16-2016**

**Good, Old Consciences**

A woman caught in adultery, in the very act [was brought to Jesus, who lived under Moses' Law]. The scribes and Pharisees [forced the issue:] "Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" (**John 8:4, 5**).

Jesus knew Moses had commanded:

The adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death (**Leviticus 20:10**).

They had violated Moses' Law by not bringing the man to also be stoned, as she had violated that Law against the act of adultery! Jesus said:

"He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" (**John 8:7**).

[Guilty consciences sent the people away], beginning with the oldest even to the last (**John 8:9**).

Older people should have well-developed consciences and know when they have sinned.

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**A Lost Generation**

In **Proverbs 30:11-14**, a generation is identified by 4 characteristics:

There is a generation that curses its father, And does not bless its mother. [They have no respect for parents.] There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness. [They are self-righteous and judgmental of others.] There is a generation- oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. [They are full of pride.] There is a

generation whose teeth are like swords, And whose fangs are like knives, To devour the poor from off the earth, And the needy from among men.

Their selfish wants takes from others to get it. To “be saved from this perverse generation” (**Acts 2:40**):

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**).

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War and the Fear of God

The Israelites divided into Northern and Southern Kingdoms, Jehoshaphat king of Southern Judah, attempted political correctness, by trying to get along with everyone. Jehu, God's prophet, said:

Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD is upon you (**2 Chronicles 19:2**).

However, because Jehoshaphat obeyed the LORD in other matters, God helped him in a war.

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD (**2 Chronicles 20:18**).

And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel (**2 Chronicles 20:29**).

A nation stays in war because it has not put “the fear of God” in its enemies.

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**2-19-2016 Why People Don't Come to Church**

Why do people not "go to church?" Probably for the same reason that, when Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, and thought God was near, they:

Hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden (**Genesis 3:8**).

When people sin today, they think by staying away from "church," they are hiding from God. But like Adam & Eve found out:

There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account (**Hebrews 4:13**).

It is when "an unbeliever or an uninformed person" attends church, that:

The secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God (**1 Corinthians 14:24-25**).

The churches of Christ invite you to come.

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