



Words of Wisdom by **John T Polk II**
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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

8-15-2016 Have a Good Heart

[Solomon said:] He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered (**Proverbs 28:26**).

[Jeremiah said:] The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; who can know it? (**Jeremiah 17:9**).

God's inspired Word tells us, in no uncertain words, not to depend upon what our own heart says about our spiritual condition, but to listen to what God has said. Jesus Christ said:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man" (**Mark 7:21-23**).

Since evil comes "from within, out of the heart of men," we should "overcome evil with good" (**Romans 12:21**).

A deceitful heart finds no good (**Proverbs 17:20**).

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**8-16 and 17-2016 Only Following Your Heart**

Children are raised with the encouragement to: "Follow your heart." But this advice ignores the warning:

O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps (**Jeremiah 10:23**).

God rejected people who "followed the dictates of his evil heart " (**Jeremiah 11:8**). After punishing them, God said:

"No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts" (**Jeremiah 3:17**).

None of us knows, completely from our own hearts, how to do good and not evil. The solution?

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!  
(**Psalm 119:11**).

Children should rather pray:

Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me  
(**Psalm 119:133**).

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### **8-18-2016 Heart Failures**

[Jonah's ship] was about to be broken up. Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god (**Jonah 1:5**).

Heart failure is caused in those who don't know the only living God. Christians are those who have "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (**1 Thessalonians 1:9**).

[Joseph's brothers'] hearts failed them and they were afraid, saying to one another, 'What is this that God has done to us?' (**Genesis 42:28**).

Heart failure is caused by misunderstanding God. The Gospel message is for people to:

Repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance (**Acts 26:20**).

Don't imagine what God does TO us, but what God does FOR us.

[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (**1 Timothy 2:4**).

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### **8-19-2016 Nations That Forget God**

Before Israelites entered the Promised Land, Moses warned they:

... Will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands (**Deuteronomy 31:29**).

How bad would they get?

The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish (**Deuteronomy 28:22**).

A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually (**Deuteronomy 28:33**).

When they would not return back to God, God said,

“Prepare to meet your God” (**Amos 4:12**).

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God (**Psalms 9:17**).

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