

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.*

10-31-2016 The Despair of Death

Out of his pain and frustration, Job said,

“Before I go to the place from which I shall not return, To the land of darkness and the shadow of death” (**Job 10:21**).

Since it is the Devil who has had “the power of death,” it is “through fear of death” he gets people to serve him (**Hebrews 2:14-15**). It is when people fear death, they

Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die (**1 Corinthians 15:32**).

People use the fear of death to justify walking,

... According to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart (**Jeremiah 18:12**).

Dwelling upon death, dying, pain and suffering simply builds the “fear of death.”

[Jesus] abolished death ... through the gospel (**2 Timothy 1:10**).

It is not death, but “after this the judgment” (**Hebrews 9:27**) for which we must prepare.

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11-01-2016 Worthless Opinion Polls

“Do not be wise in your own opinion” (**Romans 12:16**) [or, “wise in yourselves”].

“Polls” used to be called “Opinion Polls,” because there was no established fact in them. Unproven “opinions” mean nothing of significance outside the 1000 or so people who have been asked for their opinion. Being “wise in your own opinion,” and directly contradicting God’s command, is done every time “opinion polls” are reported by Media as if these speak for an entire population of hundreds of millions! The only Poll that matters is when the living, citizenry’s votes are protected, and counted.

[Jewish leaders] sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none (**Matthew 26:59-60**).

Hearing two "false witnesses," they were asked,

'What do you think? They answered and said, 'He is deserving of death' (**Matthew 26:66**).

Accepting an "opinion poll" as fact crucified Jesus Christ!

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11-02-2016 Worthless Religious Leaders

Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. They continually say to those who despise Me, "The LORD has said, 'You shall have peace;'" And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you' (**Jeremiah 23:16-17**).

What disqualified "the prophets?"

- 1)** They did not preach God's Word, but their own ideas;
- 2)** They constantly stroked "God-haters" with "God's love;"
- 3)** They promised "no harm" to the selfish;

All of which made their religion "useless." It is only God's Word that lets us

... Be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith (**2 Thessalonians 3:1-2**).

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11-03-2016 What Betrayal Is Like

Judas Iscariot is forevermore labeled as the "betrayor" of Jesus Christ. After Jesus called him to be one of His twelve disciples, he "became a traitor (**Luke 6:16**), who

... Was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it" (**John 12:6**).

In Jesus' final week before dying,

[Judas] went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him (**Mark 14:10-11**).

After leading Jesus' enemies to Him, he confessed

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (**Matthew 27:4**).

"Betrayal" consisted of leading enemies to Jesus for personal gain, not truth and right. Whether he paid from his pocket or some "foundation," good works could not cancel the need for repentance!

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11-04-2016 A Worthless Life

The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born (**Matthew 26:24**).

Jesus had stopped the Sadducees with:

"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God" (**Matthew 22:29**).

Jesus condemned the willful hypocrisy of the Pharisees with:

"Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?" (**Matthew 23:33**).

But only of the betrayer, Judas Iscariot, did Jesus say, his life amounted to absolutely nothing! Betrayal is the sin that made Judas' life worthless. When Jesus' enemies came for Him,

"Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them" (**John 18:5**).

A betrayer has sided with enemies, not friends or family!

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