

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.*

11-07-2016 Limits for Caesar

Pharisees asked Jesus a "trick" question:

'Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, 'Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money.' So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, 'Whose image and inscription is this?' They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' And He said to them, 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's' (**Matthew 22:17-21**).

Jesus kept the line firmly drawn between "church and state." Caesar claims tax money, but a constitutionally controlled government should stay within its legal limits. Everything else belongs to:

... The living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them (**Acts 14:15**)

It should be outside the authority of the State!

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11-08-2016 Why Wickedness Continues

But to the wicked God says: What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you? When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have been a partaker with adulterers. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son (**Psalms 50:16-20**).

God describes a "wicked" person as one who disregards what the Bible teaches while:

- 1)** Quoting from it for selfish purposes;
- 2)** Justifying stealing by calling mass thievery just a "racial protest," or "flash mob," or establishing "legal rights" for the thief;
- 3)** Giving legal and moral approval to adulterers;

4) Speaking evilly with lies, blasphemy and slander.

Voting for wicked people to continue their wicked ways, is wicked!

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11-09-2016 The Wicked Will Not Escape

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God (**Ecclesiastes 8:11-13**).

When people aren't immediately "struck down" from Heaven by God; or their case drags on through the court system; or there is not enough "justice" in the Justice System to bring about conviction, people think they have gotten away "scot-free!" The human justice system may be completely corrupted, but God's Judgment and punishment is not!

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11-10-2016 Street Walkers

It seems there are always people waiting and willing to cause disruption. In Thessalonica, Paul preached the Gospel of Christ,

But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people" (**Acts 17:5**).

- 1) Out of envy, unbelievers try to intimidate those who would preach, or hear, the Gospel.
- 2) The "evil men from the marketplace" are the professional demonstrators, rioters, looters, who have no purpose in life, except to get paid for causing traffic jams.
- 3) Often, these turn to violence, taking it out on the innocent ones, like Jason, and for no good purpose whatever!

Anyone without principles can use the useless to "set all the city in an uproar."

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11-11-2016 Prayerful Preaching

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith” (**2 Thessalonians 3:1-2**).

- 1)** We should attempt nothing without prayer to the Lord. “You’re in my prayers,” may not be the same as, “

Now I pray to God that you do no evil (**2 Corinthians 13:7**).

Specific prayer should be pointed to God.

- 2)** Our desire is for “the word of the Lord” to be freely spoken and taught.

[Paul requested prayer] that God would open to us a door for the word (**Colossians 4:2-3**).

- 3)** Deliverance “from unreasonable and wicked men” may come in the form of a government election resulting in oppressive restrictions being lifted. Thank God for answered prayer!

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