

# The Fellowship Room

**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.*

## **1-09-2017 Cruelty to People**

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man (**Psalm 71:4**).

Those who have cruelly, viciously tortured a mentally-challenged schizophrenic should thank God we no longer live under the Law of Moses, for God's justice dealt harshly with cruelty:

'If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him- 'fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him (**Leviticus 24:19-20**).

It is only enemies that hate with such a cruel hatred (**Psalm 25:19**). What they did is the definition of a "hate crime." Christians recognize that, without "the kindness and the love of God our Savior," people are "living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another" (**Titus 3:3-4**).

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## **1-10-2017 Answer to Cruelty**

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed (**Hebrews 12:12-13**).

Whether this is discussing physical or spiritual weaknesses, a Christian's attitude should be to help and not hinder. Meanness toward the weak showed a lack of respect for God:

'You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD' (**Leviticus 19:14**).

'Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' (**Deuteronomy 27:18**).

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all (**1 Thessalonians 5:14**).

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy (**Matthew 5:7**).

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### **1-11-2017 Cruelty to Animals**

Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds;  
For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations  
(**Proverbs 27:23-24**).

Man's dependency upon animals calls for attention to their care. Even though:

... Natural brute beasts [are] made to be caught and destroyed  
(**2 Peter 2:12**),

humans should not mistreat animals. Many murderers, as children, mistreated animals. Animals are made to sacrificially give benefit to humans.

The lambs will provide your clothing, And the goats the price of a field;  
You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household,  
And the nourishment of your maidservants  
(**Proverbs 27:26-27**).

It is a foolish rancher who neglects or hurts his herds.

A righteous man regards the life of his animal (**Proverbs 12:10**).

Respect for God's Creation shows respect toward God.

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### **1-12-2017 Cruelty with Words**

King Saul's army faced the Philistines,

And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath,  
from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span  
(**1 Samuel 17:4**).

Goliath's height was 9 ½ feet, and his armor weighed over 125 pounds! For over a month, he said,

"I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together" (**1 Samuel 17:10**).

David's faith was bigger than his body, so:

[Goliath] disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. So the Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods (**1 Samuel 17:42-43**).

Words that either boast of one's own self, or belittle someone else, are cruel. Like David, our faith can defeat any cruel Goliath, even on-line!

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### **1-13-2017 Bullies at the Cross**

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!' Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, 'He saved others; Himself He cannot save' (**Mark 15:29-31**).

While Jesus was clearly weak and defenseless, people took their verbal shots at Him. The blasphemers hurled "fake news" at Him, for Jesus never said He would tear down and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem in 3 days. The "chief priests" "mocking among themselves," or boldly misrepresenting His doctrine of salvation in their "private group!" They had to admit Jesus "saved others," but ignored why He could not save Himself. Someone had to die to give bullies like them a chance to do better!

[Christ has] loved us and given Himself for us (**Ephesians 5:1**).

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