

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.*

4-24-2017 Self Praise Is No Praise

Better is the one who is slighted but has a servant, Than he who honors himself but lacks bread (**Proverbs 12:9**).

A loyal "servant" knows his master, and serves, regardless of circumstance or outside opinion. Being "slighted" by others should not discourage a person from being honorable and respected at home. However, acting like things are better than they actually are is an exercise in hypocrisy and self-deceit! Putting up a front of self-honor when the facts are he "lacks bread" makes life look like a stage setting, all image and no substance. Self-praise is NO praise!

Proverbs 27:2: Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.

We expect our parents and grandparents to "praise us," so the emphasis here is "a stranger," someone who is outside our family.

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4-25-2017 Anxiety and Depression

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad (**Proverbs 12:25**).

The preventative of "depression" is to not be anxious, and to listen to "a good word." Jesus made this clear when He said, "do not worry" (be anxious) about life's necessities (**Matthew 6:24-33**), or about the future (**Matthew 6:34**). Losing a job, a game, a loved one, failing a test, or any other tribulation that comes our way can make us react with "anxiety," and is a challenge to our faith. The father of a demon-possessed boy heard Jesus say,

'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!' (**Mark 9:23-24**).

Faith overcomes anxiety.

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4-26-2017 What Money Can't Buy

David said:

If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them (**Psalm 62:10**).

Riches cannot buy:

- 1) **salvation.** "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold" (**1 Peter 1:18**);
- 2) "**A good name** is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold" (**Proverbs 22:1**);
- 3) **Permanence.** "Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle *toward* heaven" (**Proverbs 23:5**);

For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations (**Proverbs 27:24**).

Truly Jesus warned that it was possible for riches to kill faith before it can begin, for one who:

... Hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful (**Matthew 13:22**).

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4-27-2017 It Is God's Word

The first "Earth Day" was April 22, 1970. Its Founder, then- Senator Gaylord Nelson said:

"If we could tap into the environmental concerns of the general public and infuse the student anti-war energy into the environmental cause, we could generate a demonstration that would force this issue onto the political agenda." (<http://earthday.envirolink.org/history.html>)

In 2000, it became an international campaign, focused on global warming and clean energy alternatives. How arrogant are humans who claim they can "save the world?" The Earth is not ours to save. It was:

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

Solomon said,

One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever (**Ecclesiastes 1:4**).

The Earth doesn't need saving, but people do! Jesus said:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved (**Mark 16:16**).

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4-28-2017 It Is God's Word

Sin entered the world when the Devil tempted Eve, and she gave in to it! The Devil questioned God's Word:

"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" (**Genesis 3:1**).

The Devil contradicted and denied God's Word:

"You will not surely die" (**Genesis 3:4**).

The Devil promised humans could know everything God knows:

"Your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (**Genesis 3:5**).

The Devil has not changed His tactic. Jesus has said His Gospel preached to every creature promises:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**).

The Devil asks: Has God really commanded water baptism?

The Devil says: You can be saved if you're not baptized.

The Devil says: You will know you're saved as if God has told you.

Conquer sin, obey God.

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