



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.

7-31-2017 Mixed-Up Morals

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

It's not enough that some people want to sin and ignore the love of God, but many, it seems, want to condemn any who express concern for their souls. Jesus said,

"The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil" (**John 7:7**).

Christians should follow Jesus' example and show compassion on sinners, to:

Save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh (**Jude 23**).

Concern is not condemnation.

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8-01-2017 Real Demon-Possession

Demon-possession never occurred before Jesus came and cast out demons by the power of God.

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, 'It was never seen like this in Israel!' (**Matthew 9:33**).

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go (**Luke 10:1**).

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.' And He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven' (**Luke 10:17-18**).

Casting out demons followed believers until the New Testament was confirmed (**Mark 16:20**). Since the faith "was once for all delivered to the saints" (**Jude 3**), there has been no true demon-possession since!

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**8-02-2017      Real Demon Influence**

Jesus was met with:

A certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs [the unclean spirit] had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness (**Luke 8:27, 29**).

In our day and time, drug-addiction causes the same effects as 1st Century demon-possession: disregard for clothes, fascination with death, wildly reckless behavior, and leaving family and friends! With the demons gone, that man was:

... Sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind (**Luke 8:35**).

Demons had to obey Jesus' command, but drug addicts today need help to come to their "right mind" and obey Christ.

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8-03-2017 Real Demon Influence #2

Jesus came to the country of the Gadarenes, and:

Immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs...crying out and cutting himself with stones (**Mark 5:2-3, 5**).

There is no "demon-possession" today, but there certainly are "demon-influences.

- 1) That Gadarene lived among the tombs. Death was ever on his mind. Today, people fill their minds from Television programs and movies, with thoughts of "zombies," dissection of dead bodies, and violent, bloody deaths. This constant morbidity creates depression, which is the source of suicide and mass murders.
- 2) That Gadarene lived in self-inflicted pain, as do drug-addicts today. This sadomasochistic attitude either gives or receives pain and humiliation for pleasure. When popularized in mass-media, people think this is "normal" behavior, while love grows cold (**Matthew 24:12**).

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**8-04-2017                      Real Love Relationship**

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her (**Genesis 29:20**).

Jacob worked seven years for Rachel's father in order to marry her. This was true love, not hormone- driven sex! Movies, television, and music in our day dwell on the

fleeting moments of sexual passion and call it "love." Little wonder, then, that many shape their lives around what they think is "love." Amnon said he "loved" his half-sister, Tamar, and he raped her.

Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, 'Arise, be gone!' (**2 Samuel 13:15**).

Is your relationship like Jacob or Amnon: for "love" or "sex?"

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