



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.

9-18-2017 Love Or Legalism

There are many who believe in the love of God, but reject the “legalism” of commandments. God said mercy is “to those who love Me and keep My commandments” (**Exodus 20:6**). Jesus said:

“If you love Me, keep My commandments” [and,]

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him” (**John 14:15, 21**).

“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love” (**John 15:10**).

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments” (**1 John 5:3**).

No one has the “love of God” who rejects His commandments.

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9-19-2017 What is YOUR “Truth”?

Jews delivered Jesus to Pilate as an “evildoer.” Jesus claimed His kingdom was “not of this world” and to “bear witness to the truth.”

Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth? (**John 18:29-38**).

Pilate's decision was, "I find no fault in Him at all." Pilate's decision was based upon "the truth." "The truth" did not depend on whose heart it came from, but from absolute facts.

Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you? (**Proverbs 22:20-21**).

Each person does not determine their own "truth." Don't ask, "What is YOUR truth?" but ask, "Have you learned "the truth?" Truth in, truth out.

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**9-20-2017                      Follow Destruction With Faith**

As Elijah watched,

Behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice (**1 Kings 19:11-12**).

Earthly powers humble humanity: Hurricanes and tornadoes destroy; earthquakes shake our foundation; fires consume our works, but God is not in any of these, for

Our God is in heaven (**Psalms 115:3**).

These humbling powers make us listen to His voice in Scripture. Jesus said,

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (**Luke 11:28**)

In re-building, build faith!

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9-21-2017 John the Baptist's Baptism

[John the Baptist] went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (**Luke 3:3**).

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.' (**Luke 3:15-16**).

Some people accept that John taught water baptism, but ignore the fact that it was "of repentance for the remission of sins." John's repentance from sins, and then water baptism that made them forgiven of their sins! When people "reasoned in their hearts about John," they were confused, but John's inspired statement settled the matter. What the Bible says should always be the final Word!

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**9-22-2017            The Head of the Church**

The Holy Spirit-inspired Apostle Paul wrote of Jesus Christ:

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence (**Colossians 1:18**).

There is only one spiritual head of the spiritual body of Jesus Christ: Jesus Himself. All others who claim to be are wrong! No Apostle, not even Peter, took Jesus' place as the head of the church of Christ. Peter even called Jesus "the Chief Shepherd" (**1 Peter 5:4**), and Paul condemned as divisive anyone who claimed,

"I am of Cephas" (**1 Corinthians 1:12**). Any church with a different "head" is not the church of Christ over which Jesus Christ is the head! Millions of misguided members and a media blitz does not make truth out of a lie!

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