



Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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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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Man Made Tradition: Corporate Church

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. (**1 Corinthians 1:2**)

So, Paul wrote to "the church" (assembly) "of God" (who originated it) "at Corinth" (this particular place). Since Jesus promised,

"On this rock I will build My church." (**Matthew 16:18**)

Then in Scripture, Jesus built but one "church." To the Corinthian church, Paul wrote,

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
(**1 Corinthians 12:13**)

[Then he said] Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.
(**1 Corinthians 12:27**)

Gospel preached and obeyed makes the "body of Christ." It is not a "corporate church," man-made, but sinners converted to Christ.

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**Insane Opposition**

Christians must try to teach Bible truth and correct:

... Those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. (**2 Timothy 2:24-26**)

Those who contradict Bible place themselves in opposition, and need to "know the truth," because some are not "straightforward about the truth of the gospel" (**Galatians 2:14**). They are ensnared of the Devil and need to "come to their senses," or be sane, again! The Devil's doctrine "captivates," but knowledge of God's truth, frees a person to do God's will." Repentance is that change of heart that will make the difference.

[God] now commands all men everywhere to repent. (**Acts 17:30**)

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Who Knew?

Jesus asked His disciples, saying,

"Who do the crowds say that I am?"
So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."
He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." (**Luke 9:18-20**)

Probably the most confusing way to find spiritual truth is to search through the mistaken answers of "the crowds," or beliefs handed down from different cultures. Spiritual truth is not established by visiting different places and asking what people believe. Spiritual truth can only come from the source of spiritual truth: the Bible. We should receive Jesus and His Apostles' word:

... Not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God.
(**1 Thessalonians 2:13**)

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**Graduation to Learning**

Many are graduating, or advancing in institutional instruction. Some think they have learned enough to quit learning altogether! Solomon said:

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. (**Proverbs 9:9**)

You must know that learning is a life-time experience! Solomon could say:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.  
And the complacency of fools will destroy them. (**Proverbs 1:7, 32**)

Don't turn your back on more learning, but education doesn't begin and end in the classroom. In fact, some try to live their lives in a "class-womb," by "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (**2 Timothy 3:7**). Their treadmill of ignorance leads to nowhere that is good and productive.

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