

# 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.

### November 22, 2021: The Written Word of God

Concerning His Apostles, Jesus said,

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word." (John 17:20)

## He promised them:

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." (John 14:26)

#### Jesus' life and miracles:

... Are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (**John 20:31**)

That written Word of God is "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 3)

No one is being given any more revelations from God today. Those who desire special miracles today, need to read the Bible.

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### November 23, 2021: Are You Led By the Spirit of God

Many people think the Holy Spirit becomes a constant revealer of God's Will to each individual. Jesus said:

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63)

Since Jesus' words are "spirit," and "life," what does the Holy Spirit need to do but preserve those words? Jesus said:

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. (Luke 21:33)

The Holy Spirit leads people when they accept His inspired Bible.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27)

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#### November 24, 2021: 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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# **November 25, 2021: Man Made Tradition: Corrupt Church**

For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 4)

Churches of Christ are made up of members who have willingly obeyed Jesus Christ who said,

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

Members may be corrupted by "ungodly men" (acting without God's approval); who have "crept in unnoticed" (like they were sneaking in a side door); abusing the

liberties of God's grace, by perverting it into lawlessness; and denying the Godhead. To avoid this,

Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (Jude 3)

That is, do not leave the plain, clear New Testament doctrine!

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### November 26, 2021: Causes Of Depression

Jesus warned:

"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly." (Luke 21:34)

According to this verse, Jesus mentioned three things that cause "clinical depression," or a "weighing down" of ourselves:

- 1) "carousing" is the lightheadedness or dizziness caused by alcohol or other drugs;
- 2) "drunkenness" is the softening up of one's moral judgment caused by alcohol or other drugs;
- 3) "cares of this life" is the anxiety, or constant worry, about "this life." Notice that all three keep us from using our good moral, or spiritual, judgment in making decisions. Don't let anyone convince you that life is happier by using any of these things. They only depress what "could have been!"

Jesus came that "they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (**John 10:10**).

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