

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #57

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Process of Faith by John T. Polk II

"For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me" (John 17:8).

Truly, "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**), but "hearing" is more than just "listening." Jesus spoke to people in parables because "hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand" (**Mathew 13:13**). Since comprehension is the purpose of hearing, then Jesus set forth the process of faith in **John 17:8**: "given to them the words," "they have received them," "and have known," "they have believed." **Notice the process involves: (1)** God's Words being accurately transmitted from God; **(2)** those words faithfully declared; **(3)** those words received; **(4)** knowing those words as truth; **(5)** believing.

(1) Whether spoken directly from heaven (**Matthew 3:16-17**), given by revelation (**Ephesians 3:1-7**), or embodied in Jesus Christ (**John 1:14-17**), **God has spoken.**

(2) Whether spoken by Jesus, Himself (**John 12:47-48**), inspired and revealed by the Holy Spirit (**Galatians 1:11-12**), or written by the Holy Spirit through inspired writers (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**), **the Bible IS the Word of God!**

(3) The Bible must be accepted by the reader. "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe" (**1 Thessalonians 2:13**). The Devil says whatever it takes to shake

confidence in the Bible as "the word of God:" that it is "myths," of uncertain origin, incomplete, corrupted text, inaccurate translation, *ad nauseum*, none of which he can prove.

(4) Peter acknowledged the bedrock truth (**Matthew 16:16**), but after experience with that truth, he said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (**John 6:68-69**). It is the "we have come to believe and know" that indicates the process has worked in the Apostles. They came to their "firm confidence" in the same way as those of us who believe on Jesus "through their word" (**John 17:20**).

This faith cannot be shaken and perseveres (Romans 5:1-4).

(5) Believing is the result of that process, and is, therefore, total confidence, not in ourselves, but in Jesus Christ! "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise" (**Hebrews 10:35-36**). Unless we throw it away, no one should stand between us and the love of God (**Romans 8:31-39**): not a preacher, an elder, a Christian, a parent, a child, an employer, a politician, nor any other human! **We may falter at times, but our faith will not fail!**
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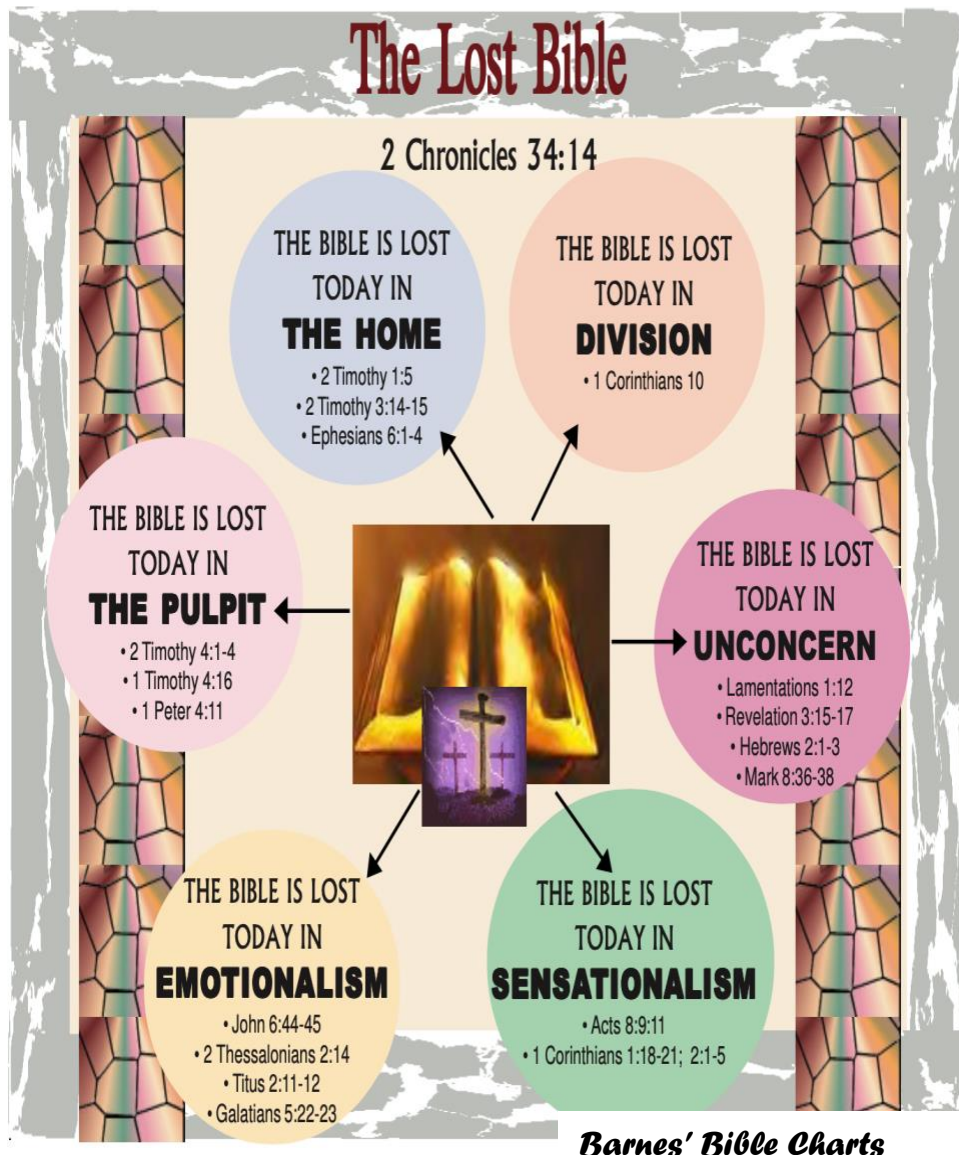
"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

(2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV)

~ **Truth never dies but it can be paralyzed by indifference to it.**

~ **Opportunity knocks, but temptation follows you around.**

~ **The closer you get to God the smaller everything else looks**



By David Sproule

Commitments Involved in Saying, "I Do!"

Have you ever been to a wedding, and—while the preacher was going through the “Do you promise to...?” and the “Do you promise to...?”—have you ever thought, “Did I really commit to all of that when I got married?” For those who are married, a wedding can be a great way to be reminded of what marriage is and what commitments are inherent in the Divine-ly-ordained union. If you’re married and if you haven’t been to a wedding recently and witnessed a living reminder of the vows you made (or even if you have been to a wedding recently), consider carefully the commitment that you were making when you said “I do!”

Husbands, here is what you committed! You committed to “leave father and mother” and “cleave” to your wife (Gen. 2:24); to be the “head” of the home, to “love” her, “nourish” her, “cherish” her (Eph. 5:23-33); to “provide” for her (1 Tim. 5:8); to “render the affection due her,” “to please your wife” (1 Cor. 7:2-5, 33); to “dwell with her with understanding” and to “give honor” to her (1 Pet. 3:7).

Wives, here is what you committed! You committed to “love” him, “obey” him (Tit. 2:4-5); to “submit” to him, to be “subject” to him, to “respect” him (Eph. 5:22-33); to “manage

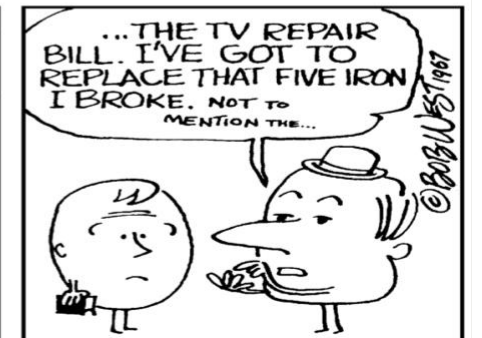
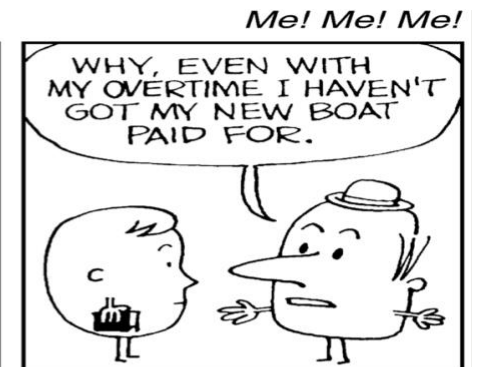
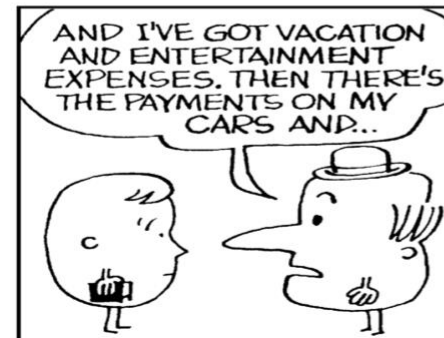
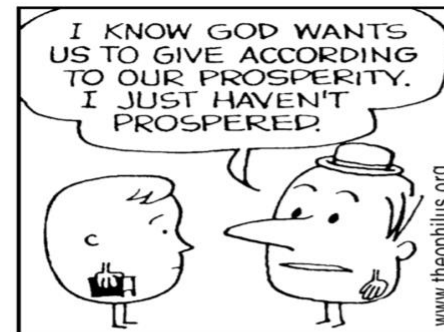
the house” (1 Tim. 5:14; Tit. 2:5); to be “chaste,” “adorned” with a “gentle and quiet spirit” (1 Pet. 3:1-6); to “render the affection due him,” “to please your husband” (1 Cor. 7:2-5, 34).

Husbands and wives, here is what you both committed to each other! In addition to the Divine instructions above, you committed to “increase and abound in love to one another” (1 Thess. 3:12), have “compassion for one another” (1 Pet. 3:8), be “like-minded toward one another” (Rom. 15:5), “consider one another” (Heb. 10:24), “give preference to one another” (Rom. 12:10), “submit to one another” (Eph. 5:21), “be kindly affectionate to one another” (Rom. 12:10), “bear with one another” (Eph. 4:2), “forgive one another” (Eph. 4:32), “receive one another” (Rom. 15:7), “encourage one another daily” (Heb. 3:13), “serve one another” (Gal. 5:13), “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2), “comfort each other” (1 Thess. 5:11), “admonish one another” (Rom. 15:14), “confess trespasses to one another and pray for one another” (Jas. 5:16) and “have the same care for one another” (1 Cor. 12:25). You committed to do “nothing... through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind” to “esteem” your spouse as “better than” yourself (Phil. 2:3).

God expects of husbands and wives “until death do us part”

Maybe you don’t remember committing to all of that, but that is what God expects of husbands and wives “until death do us part.” *May God help us keep our vows!*

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