

Words of Wisdom by John T Polk II For WECO FM 101.3 and The Fellowship Room

12-5-14 Hate-filled Strife

There can be no question that in the world, "hatred" is preached and practiced!

Christians should leave this behind, for Paul wrote in Titus 3:3: For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

There is a third word for "hatred" listed as a "work of the flesh" that disqualifies anyone from inheriting "the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21).

Only the hateful stir up strife:

Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife. (Proverbs 26:20-21)

For the "love of God," we should "keep His commandments" (1 John 5:3).

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