

### **Words of Wisdom** by **John T Polk II** For <u>WECO FM 101.3</u> and <u>The Fellowship Room</u>

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

## 2-27-2017 Believe the Truth

Only of God's Bible can it be said:

The entirety of Your word is truth (**Psalm 119:160**).

Truth matters to God.

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth (**Psalm 145:18**).

The only worship that brings people close to God is according to truth. That's why

[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (**1 Timothy 2:4**).

On the Day of Judgment, God will see to it "that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (**2 Thessalonians 2:12**). Without truth, we become unrighteous in our lives. People whose job is to manufacture make-believe fantasies, fake news and false science, will lead us away from the truth.

Buy the truth, and do not sell it (**Proverbs 23:23**).

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## 2-28-2017 Believe and Obey the Truth

But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said to Him, 'The first' (Matthew 21:28-31).

Jesus shows the difference between saved and lost. **The first son** refused to do his father's will at first, but "regretted" his decision, changed his mind and obeyed. **The second son** represents sinners who say they believe, and may even claim they have obeyed, but actually have a "faith only" attitude: without works! Which son has obeyed?

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

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## 3-01-2017 The Gospel: Moving or Movie?

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:9-10).

With these words, Jesus Christ has placed Himself squarely between humanity and Heaven. Any movie-maker in Harlotwood who thinks theirs is "the only profession that celebrates what it means to live a life" is "mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29). Only God's love seen in Jesus' death for our sins, burial, and resurrection can lead a sinner to die to sin, bury sins in baptism for remission, and be raised to walk a new, and renewed, life. All movies have never done this!

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#### 3-02-2017 The Greater Wisdom in Solomon

And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men-than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations (**1 Kings 4:29-31**).

The God-given wisdom of Solomon written in the Book of Proverbs is the best psychology book explaining human behavior ever written. Simply put, everyone is either "wise" or "foolish."

Wise people store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction" (**Proverbs 10:14**).

This was hundreds of years before Christ. No Eastern philosophy or religion was equal to it, then or now! That Solomon's "fame" spread world-wide shows that to be the case.

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## 3-03-2017 World-wide Wisdom of Solomon

[Solomon] spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five. Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon (**1 Kings 4:32-34**).

With God's wisdom, Solomon judged human behavior, wrote songs, understood God's Creation, and stood out from "all" earthly kings. Solomon spoke "of" trees, animals, birds, creeping things, and fish," but not "to" them. He was not like some fictional "Dr. Doolittle" where the Creation talks back, or Aesop whose fables teach animals' words. Solomon was not in charge of Creation, like the made-up goddess "Mother Nature!" World leaders should come to Solomon today!

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