

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.

5/2/2022 Street Crime

David prayed:

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men. (Psalm 140:1)

Solomon gave a reason for that:

A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good. (**Proverbs 16:29**)

Destructive violence in a land of laws is not the way of "Justice."

The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice. (**Proverbs 21:7**)

The people who call for "justice" but preach violence are against "justice."

Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking. (**Proverbs 24:1-2**)

Whether a city, state, or country, or a neighborhood gang, advocates of violence and plundering are nothing but lawless criminals!

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5/3/2022 Questions for Unity

To the divided Corinthian church of Christ, Paul asked:

"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:13)

Many people act as if denominations don't matter – but they do! Regardless of their affiliation, the claim is "we're all in the church of Christ." It may not matter to them, but it did to the Apostle Paul! "Is Christ divided" was answered in the New Testament

with a resounding "NO!" Paul's appeal then was that there should be "no divisions among" Christians (1 Corinthians 1:10). Paul urged Christians:

Note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them (Romans 16:17).

Divisions are not over "the doctrine" but over those who misrepresent and mis-teach that doctrine!

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5/4/2022 What Unity In Diversity?

Foreign languages were invented by God. After the flood in Noah's day:

The whole earth had one language and one speech (**Genesis 11:1**), and God said, "Let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." (**Genesis 11:4**)

[The tower] is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (**Genesis 11:9**)

The Devil has used division to divide and conquer people ever since! Keeping different languages splinters the American culture, and denominations have splintered the church of Christ.

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (Amos 3:3)

There is no unity in diversity in culture or religion! The Gospel of Jesus Christ unites.

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5/5/2022 Solomon's Wisdom And God's Blessing

When God had his own physical nation and people, Solomon, the king of Israel said,

"But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence." (1 Kings 5:4)

How did that country live in such peace? Solomon began with humility before God:

"I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in." (1 Kings 3:7)

Solomon asked for God's Wisdom to guide him:

"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil." (1 Kings 3:9)

God said:

"And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor." (1 Kings 3:13)

God blessed a country whose leader relied on God's Wisdom. That might work today!

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5/6/2022 Unplanned Parenthood

A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. (John 16:21)

This clear statement of Jesus Christ shows how wonderful the birth of a human being really is. God held Samaria "guilty" for rebelling against God, and:

"Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child ripped open." (Hosea 13:16)

"Partial birth abortion" dashes infants to pieces! Those who practice it are in rebellion against God. God hates "Hands that shed innocent blood" (**Proverbs 6:17**). Murdering babies is NOT planning parenthood! God condemned those who take "a bribe to slay an innocent person" (**Deuteronomy 27:25**).

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