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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.  
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

Can you see the love of God  
(John 3:14-17)

##### PM Sermon

Paul Praschnik

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

D. Jackson

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – V. Smith

##### The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53  
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The Oologah church of Christ only uses  
the **KJV, NKJV or ASV** translation of  
the Bible in classes & sermons.

## The Oologah Informer

### July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Thoughts from the Preacher

##### **“Shoe on the other foot”**

What if the shoe was on the other foot? This is a phrase many have heard before. What does it mean? How would you feel if you were the other person? In difficult situations and times of heartache this is an important question to ask.

*“And just as you want men to do to you,  
you also do to them likewise.”*

Luke 6:31

#### **IT TAKES TIME TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT**

Adapted

(From the Rendon Church of Christ Bulletin)

The Great Wall of China is the “largest artificial defense structure in the world.” It extends 1,250 miles (with its branches about 2,000 miles). A portion of it dates back from about 214 B. C. But, the greater part of it was built in the 14th century with about 300,000 workers for 10 years. Its purpose was to repel the barbarians from the North. To build something like this is no small feat. It took a dream, a plan, enthusiasm, and lots of hard work. But to build something great, there is a price to be paid.

Consider this in building and maintaining a great church:

1. **MANY DREAM AND TALK, BUT DO NOT ACT.** The dream of the Great Wall was first conceived before the time of Christ. But, it did not become a reality until someone got busy. Many are talking, but few who are building great churches. Of Jesus, Luke said, “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach” (Acts 1:1). James said, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22).
2. **BUILDING AND UPBUILDING MUST NEVER STOP.** The tragedy of the Great Wall is that the people sat down and thought it was all finished. Now peasants have removed some of the stones from the wall and have built houses and pigpens. Each generation of people must be taught. One of God’s reasons for choosing Abraham was for him to “...command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him” (Genesis 18:19). Neglect has destroyed some of the Great Wall. It will also destroy the church. Our work of training, discipline, and growing both numerically and spiritually are never finished.
3. **SOMETHING GREAT TAKES TIME.** Pour yourself into something great. There is work that must be done, but it will not be done overnight. It involves long years of hard work by the leadership, the preacher, and every member. Starting and stopping is a sure way to hinder the growth of a strong and growing congregation. It takes time

to build anything worthwhile, whether it is a Great Wall or a great congregation. “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:9-10).