

# The Oologah Informer

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### Knowing What To Say And When To Say It Robert Notgrass

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#### Service Times

##### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### Preacher:

Russ Earl

#### AM Sermon:

Bible Authority – Kevin  
Pendergrass

#### PM Sermon:

Why Should I Believe the Bible –  
Kevin Pendergrass

#### Sunday AM Bible Class:

Report on the Gospel of Christ  
Program – Kevin Pendergrass

#### Wednesday Bible Class:

Tent Meeting – What Must I Do  
To Be Saved – Kevin Pendergrass

#### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Many of our problems in life occur because we say the wrong thing, or we say it at the wrong time, or we say it in the wrong way. In fact, it has been shown that a thirty-second speech can damage a thirty-year career, a thirty-year marriage, or thirty years of reputation. Now, as Solomon wrote Proverbs, he was aware of the power of the tongue, and when we read his thoughts on this subject in Proverbs, we can find God's wisdom in small doses telling us to either shut up, build up or speak up. There are some verses, in plain English that warns us to be cautious about what we say and to never miss an opportunity to keep our mouths shut. In Proverbs 17:9, 14, 27, "... he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends . . . The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water . . . He that hath knowledge spareth his words . . ." Solomon goes on to state "He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace" (Proverbs 11:12); and, "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth . . ." (Proverbs 26:20-22). Thus, while certain things are necessary for life: food, water, protection; some things are not necessary, such as stating out opinions on every subject or having the last word in every argument, or demanding our way in every discussion or defending ourselves from every criticism or drawing a line on every issue. Sometimes, we just need to keep our thoughts and words to ourselves. Next, there are things that build us up. God hasn't called us to take vows of silence like medieval monks. He gave us the remarkable capacity for human language, for He wants us to build others up. In Proverbs 10:11, 19, Solomon states, "The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life . . . he that refraineth his lips is wise." Solomon goes on to state that tongues of the wise is health (Proverbs 12:18), pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones (Proverbs 16:23-24) and, "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life . . . and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:4, 23). Sometimes, we need to take a train, track down someone, buy them a steak and encourage them with wise counsel. All people need wholesome words and by speaking that builds up, we will revive those who are dead in sin, we will comfort those who are in distress, by which, we can show the way to eternal life. Then, Solomon also shows us that there are times when we need to speak up, such as Proverbs 31:8-9, "Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." We can open our mouths on behalf of those who cannot speak such as a stranger, or orphan. And, we can open our mouths to speak about righteous living in all boldness, not caring for the harsh criticisms of wick and unjust men. These verses in Proverbs are the circuit breakers and surge protectors for the soul. The air around us is often static with anger, and our social atmospheres change as often as the weather in Missouri. So, we need to install some of today's verses as spiritual circuit breakers, committing them to memory and to conscious thought. And in doing so, we will become more and more like

Jesus, for no one ever spoke as He did. And I'll tell you, the book of Proverbs describes, when describing the wise person, a pen portrait of our Lord Jesus. May we all remember to know what to say and when to say it.

### Announcements

#### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extend to the Cash family in the loss of Allen's brother Dan. Please keep this family in your prayers.

#### Fellowship Meal

Our fellowship meal is today after morning services. Please stay and enjoy this time of fellowship.

#### Tent Meeting Setup

We will be setting up for our meeting after our fellowship meal. If you can stay and help set up please do so. We will also need volunteers who can help setup and cleanup before and after each meeting.

#### Tent Meeting

Our tent meeting starts TODAY! Determine to come and support this evangelistic effort! Don't forget our Sunday and Wednesday night services will be in the Tent! Also be sure to let Brother Pendergrass know that we appreciate him holding our Tent meeting for us.

#### Tent Meeting Assignments

There is a Tent meeting assignment sheet in the foyer. All men need to pick up a copy for the meeting.